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Hundreds of people thronged the KRS dam near Srirangapatna to catch a glimpse of the water gushing out of the sluice gates | UDAYSHANKAR S

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PM MODI TO TAKE STOCK OF FLOOD SITUATION IN K'TAKA

With CM B S Yediyurappa in hospital, ministers Basavaraj Bommai and Ashoka will brief the PM at 11:30 am on Monday

VILLAGES CUT OFF AS BRIDGE WASHED AWAY

Sayachemal-Gawaliwada, Kongla, Pastoli, and Gawali villages in the forests of Khanapur are completely cut off from the mainland after the steel bridge across River Mahadayi was washed away. Opposition leader Siddaramaiah is monitoring the situation in his constituency Badami from hospital. KPCC president D K Shivakumar toured flood-hit Kodagu | P3,7,9

KERALA BRACES FOR MORE RAINS TODAY

The IMD forecasts heavy rains in the state on Monday, raising fears of an aggravated flood in low-lying areas. The India Meteorological Department issued a red alert for seven districts of the state, including Idukki, Wayanad and Kozhikode on Sunday, which may receive over 20 cm of rain in the next 24 hours

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CONFIRMED DEAD IN MUNNAR LANDSLIDE AS ON SUNDAY

10 DEAD IN VIJAYAWADA COVID CARE FACILITY FIRE

Blaze starts at hotel-turned-care centre around 4.45 am, many jump out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayawada

AT least 10 people were killed and 18 others sustained burns in a fire accident at a Covid Care Centre being run in the Swarna Palace Hotel by Ramesh Hospitals in Vijayawada early on Sunday.

One was charred to death, while nine died of asphyxiation. Three of them were women and seven men.

The fire, suspected to have been caused by short-circuit, broke out around 4.45 a.m. when most of the inmates were asleep. The flames and smoke soon spread to the first and second floors of the five-storeyed building, suffocating the people trapped inside. There were 44 people, including 31 patients, inside the centre at the time of the incident. Some of them broke the glass windows and perched on the balconies screaming for help.

Quick Response Teams, fire tenders, NDRF and police personnel rushed to the spot following a distress call from the housekeeping staff. With wooden railings on fire and in the absence of an alternative stair-



NDRF personnel wearing PPE kits carry out a rescue operation after a massive fire broke out at a Covid Care Centre, in Vijayawada on Sunday | PFI

Short circuit

Preliminary inquiry pointed at negligence of the hotel and hospital. Short circuit may have caused the fire, officials said

case, firefighters used ladders, broke open the windows and rescued 18 people. The injured were shifted to hospitals nearby. At least 15 patients were moved to Ramesh Hospitals.

Narrating his nightmare, a

survivor, Pavan Sai Kishan, said, "Thick smoke engulfed the hotel. I could not go anywhere. I broke the window panes, stood on the slab outside and screamed for help. I called up police and fire services personnel. It was only with their help that I could survive."

Most of the inmates were gripped by panic, more so after it became clear that there was no way out of the building.

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Rural economy withstood pandemic assault: PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @New Delhi/Bengaluru

INDIA's rural economy has stayed resilient in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday, as he launched a ₹1 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund.

It will be a dedicated finance facility which will run for 10 years under which banks and

financial institutions will extend loans with interest subvention of 3% per annum.

The fund will be used to augment post-harvesting facilities, community farming assets, and help Farmer Producer Organisations. It also seeks to extend financial assistance to the agri-entrepreneurs. "Within a month of the Cabinet nod to the scheme, the first sanction of over ₹1,000 crore was made

to over 2,280 farmer societies," said the PM, who also released the sixth instalment under the PM-Kisan Nidhi to over 8.5 crore farmers and stated that the latter got an additional ₹27,000 crore this year.

BSY hails initiative

In Bengaluru, CM B S Yediyurappa thanked Modi for the PM-Kisan Scheme where 52.5 lakh identified farmers in the state will receive ₹2,000 each as

instalment directly in their bank accounts, totalling ₹1,049 crore. Farmers will receive two more instalments this year.

"PM @narendramodi Govt believes India's future lies in the welfare of its farmers. Thanks to @PMOIndia for #PMKISAN Scheme which has benefited over 52.50 lakh farmers in Karnataka, the first instalment Rs 1,049 crore will now be credited into their accounts," the CM tweeted. P7

Aatma Nirbhar: India bans import of 101 defence items

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a push for indigenous defence production, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) on Sunday released a list of 101 defence items, including arms and missiles, that India will stop importing in a phased manner.

The list, prepared in consultation with all stakeholders, is expected to pump up the domestic defence hardware industry with contracts worth almost ₹4 lakh crore over the next five to seven years.

Spokesperson for MoD Bharat Bhushan Babu said, "The list of 101 embargoed items also includes high tech-

nology weapon systems, and is prepared after several rounds of consultations with all stakeholders, including the Army, Air Force, Navy, DRDO, Defence Public Sector Undertakings, Ordnance Factory Board and private industry to assess current and future capabilities of the Indian industry for manufacturing various ammunition/weapons/platforms/equipment within India."

"This is a great opportunity for the Indian defence industry," he said. The ban on imports is planned to be implemented over a four-year period from 2020.

SEE: P10

Sriramalu tests +ve for Covid, admitted to Bowring Hospital



EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA Health Minister B Sriramulu on Sunday said that he had tested positive for Covid-19 and was admitted to a hospital for further treatment. Sriramulu, who has been touring all 30 districts of the state to review the situation, said he developed fever on Sunday, following which he was tested and his results were positive for Covid-19.

Sriramulu is the sixth minister, including Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, to test positive for the virus. Unlike his counterparts, Sriramulu chose to get admitted to a government hospital in Bengaluru.

The Chief Minister tested positive last Sunday, but since he is asymptomatic, he may be discharged soon after a test as per guidelines.

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ಮಾನ್ಯ ಅರಣ್ಯ, ಜಿವಿ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಪರಿಸರ ಸಚಿವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಆನಂದ್ ಸಿಂಗ್ ಅವರು ಆನೆ ತರಬೇತಿ ಶಿಬಿರಕ್ಕೆ ಭೇಟಿ ನೀಡಿದ ಸಂದರ್ಭ

ಅತ್ಯಲ್ಪ ಬಂಧುಗಳೇ

ಭಾರತದ ನೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಪ್ರಧಾನಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿಜಿ ಅವರ ಸಮರ್ಥನಾಯಕತ್ವದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಡೀ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರವನ್ನು ನವ ಚಿಂತನಗೊಳಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ರಾಜ್ಯಾದ್ಯಂತ ಹಲವಾರು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಸಮಿತಿಗಳ ನಡುವೆ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಸಮರ್ಥ ಆಡಳಿತ ನೀಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಕೋಟ್ಯಾಂತರ ಜನರ ಆಶಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಮಾಧಾನ ನೀಡಿದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿ ಅಳುಕದೇ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ನೋವನ್ನು ದಿಟ್ಟತನದಿಂದ ಹೊತ್ತಿರುವ ದಲಿತರೊಡನೆ ನಮ್ಮ ನಾಯಕರು, ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಯಡಿಯೂರಪ್ಪ ಅವರ ಮಾರ್ಗದರ್ಶನದಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಜನಪರ ಹಾಗೂ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕವಾದ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಆಡಳಿತ ನೀಡುವಲ್ಲಿ ಯಶಸ್ವಿಯಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕಳೆದ ವರ್ಷ ಅಧಿಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿ ನಿಲುಕುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯನ್ನು ಸರಿಪಡಿಸುವ ಸಮಯಕ್ಕೆ ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಆರಂಭವಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಬಹುಪಾಲು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳು ಅತಿವೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ತತ್ತರಿಸಿ, ಲಕ್ಷಾಂತರ ಮಂದಿ ಸಂಸ್ತೃತರಾದರು. ಸಮರೋಪಾದಿ ಈ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆಯನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಿ, ಹೊಸತನದ ಆಯವ್ಯಯದ ನವ ಮತ್ತೊಂದು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಹೊರಟ ಸಮಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ಸೋಂಕು ದಾಳಿ ಮಾಡಿ ತಲ್ಲಣಗೊಳಿಸಿತು. ಇಡೀ ಜಗತ್ತನ್ನು ನಡುಗಿಸಿದ ಈ ಸೋಂಕನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಿ, ಸಮರ್ಪಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುವ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಗಮನವನ್ನು ಹರಿಸಬೇಕಾಯಿತು. ದೀರ್ಘಕಾಲ ಲಾಕ್‌ಡೌನ್ ಘೋಷಣೆಯಾಗಿ ಜನಸಾಮಾನ್ಯರ ಗಳಿಕೆಗೆ ಸಂಕಷ್ಟ ಎದುರಾಯಿತು. ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಮರ್ಥವಾಗಿ ಎದುರಿಸುವಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಒಂದೇ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮತ್ತೊಂದೇ ಜನಸಾಮಾನ್ಯರಿಗೆ ಉಚಿತ ಅಕ್ಕಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಆಹಾರಧಾನ್ಯಗಳ ವಿತರಣೆ, ಶ್ರಮಿಕ ವರ್ಗಕ್ಕೆ ನಗದು ಪರಿಹಾರದಂತಹ ಸೌಲಭ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ ಹೊಸ ಜನರನ್ನು ಸಂತ್ಸರಿಸುವ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಅದ್ವೈತ ನೀಡಿತು.

ಇಂತಹ ಪಿಕ್ಕಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೂ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ, ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪಕ್ಷಿ ಸಂಕುಲಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಅರಣ್ಯಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಗಮನ ನೀಡಿ ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಧನೆಯ ಮಹಾಪೂರವನ್ನೇ ಹರಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಈ ವರ್ಷ 5.85 ಕೋಟಿ ಸಸಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೆಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ 9168 ಚ.ಕಿ.ಮೀ ನೆಡುತೋರು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮುಂಚೂಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು, ರಾಜ್ಯ 524 ಹುಲಿಗಳನ್ನು ಒಳಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು ಇಡೀ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಎರಡನೇ ಸ್ಥಾನದಲ್ಲಿದೆ. 6049 ಆನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿದ ಕಾಡುಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರಣ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ಬಳಕೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಬಳಿ ಬೋನಾಳ ಪಕ್ಷಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಮೀಸಲು ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು ಘೋಷಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ರೈಲು ಹಳೆಗಳಿಗೆ ತಡೆಗೋಡೆಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ, ಸೌರಶಕ್ತಿ ಬೀದಿಗಳ ಅಳವಡಿಕೆ, ಕೃಷಿ ಅರಣ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ರೂಪಿಸಲು ರೈತರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹದಂತಹ ವಿವಿಧ, ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಅರಿವು ಮೂಡಿಸಲು ಚಿಕ್ಕರ ವನದರ್ಶನ ಶಿಬಿರಗಳ ಏರ್ಪಾಡು, ಮಾನವ-ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿಗಳ ಸಂಘರ್ಷ ತಡೆಯುವ ವಿಶೇಷ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮುಂತಾದ ಸಾಧನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಒಂದು ವರ್ಷದ ಅವಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅಳವಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾಣಿ ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಕಲಬುರಗಿ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲಾಖೆ ಹೊಂದಿದೆ. ಜೀವ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯತೆಗಳ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗೆ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಬದ್ಧವಾಗಿದೆ.

ನಾವು ಗಣಿತದ ಹೆಜ್ಜೆ ಸಹಜವಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೋವಿಡ್-19 ವ್ಯಾಪಿಸಿರುವ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಬಾರಿ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದ ಮೃಗವನ್ನು ವ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡದೆ, ರೋಗನಿರೋಧಕ ಅರಿವಿನ ಗಣಿತದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಪರಿಸರ ನಿರ್ಮಲವಾಗಿರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕಾದ ಅಂದೋಲನ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಮಾಲಸ್ಯ ನಿಯಂತ್ರಣ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಸಜ್ಜಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಸಹಕಾರವನ್ನು ಕೋರಲಾಗಿದೆ.

(ಆನಂದ್ ಸಿಂಗ್)



ಶ್ರೀ ನರೇಂದ್ರ ಮೋದಿ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಧಾನ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು



ಸಮಾಜಗಳ ವರ್ಷ ಪರಿಹಾರದ ಸ್ವರ್ಣ



ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ



ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ.ಎಸ್.ಯಡಿಯೂರಪ್ಪ ಸನ್ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು

ನಾಶ ಮಾಡಬೇಡಿ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿಗಳನ್ನು

ಬಲಿದು ಮಾಡಬೇಡಿ ಅರಣ್ಯವನ್ನು



ಸಾಧನೆ ಪಡೆದಲ್ಲ ಯಶಸ್ವಿ 1 ವರ್ಷ

- ಅರಣ್ಯೇಕರಣ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮದ ಪರಿಣಾಮವಾಗಿ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನದಿಂದ 1025 ಚ.ಕಿ.ಮೀ. ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಸ್ತರಣೆ 5.85 ಕೋಟಿ ಸಸಿ ನೆಡುವ ಮೂಲಕ 9168 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್ ನೆಡುತೋರು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ.
- ಬಾಸಗಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಡುತೋರು ನಿರ್ಮಾಣಕ್ಕಾಗಿ 4.61 ಕೋಟಿ ಸಸಿ ವಿತರಣೆ.

ವನ್ಯ ಜೀವಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ - ಮುಂಚೂಣಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

- ರಾಜ್ಯದ ವನ್ಯಧಾಮವು ಒಟ್ಟು 524 ಹುಲಿಗಳ ಆವಾಸ ಸ್ಥಾನ ದೇಶದಲ್ಲೇ 2ನೇ ಅತೀ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಹುಲಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಸರೆ ತಾಣವಾದ ಹೆಚ್ಚು.
- ದೇಶದಲ್ಲೇ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಆನೆ (ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 6049)ಗಳಿಗೆ ಆಶ್ರಯ ನೀಡಿದ ವನ್ಯಧಾಮ ಎಂಬ ಹಿರಿಮೆ.
- ಅರಣ್ಯೇಕರಣ 10,088.37 ಹೆಕ್ಟೇರ್ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು ಅರಣ್ಯೇಕರಣ ಕರಡಿ ವನ್ಯಧಾಮ ಮತ್ತು ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಬೋನಾಳ ಕೆರೆ ಪ್ರದೇಶವನ್ನು ಬೋನಾಳ ಪಕ್ಷಿ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಮೀಸಲು ಪ್ರದೇಶವಾಗಿ ಘೋಷಣೆ.

ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮಾನವ - ವನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳ ಸಂಘರ್ಷ ನಿವಾರಣೆ

- ರೈಲು ಹಳಿಗಳಿಂದ 65.49 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ತಡೆಗೋಡೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮತ್ತು 72.33 ಕಿ.ಮೀ. ಆನೆ ನಿರೋಧಕ ಕಂದಕ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ 208.68 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ವರ್ಷ 80 ಕಿ.ಮೀ. ಆನೆ ನಿರೋಧಕ ಕಂದಕ ಮತ್ತು 85 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ಸೌರಶಕ್ತಿ ಬೇಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಗುರಿ.
- 72.82 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ಸೌರಶಕ್ತಿ ಬೇಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಹಾಗೂ 382.80 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ.
- ಕೃಷಿ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ 64.252 ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳಿಗೆ ರೂ. 22.69 ಕೋಟಿ ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹದಂತಹ ವಿತರಣೆ.
- 11 ವೃಕ್ಷೋದ್ಭಾವನಗಳ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮತ್ತು 105 ವೃಕ್ಷೋದ್ಭಾವನಗಳ ನಿರ್ವಹಣೆ.
- ಪ್ರೌಢಕಾಲ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಣ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅರಿವು ಮೂಡಿಸಲು 'ಬೆಣ್ಣರ ವನದರ್ಶನ' 590 ಶಿಬಿರಗಳ ಆಯೋಜನೆ
- ಮಾನವ ವನ್ಯಜೀವಿ ಅಳಿಗಳ ಸಂಘರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನವ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಹಾನಿಗಾಗಿ ದಯಾತ್ಮಕ ನಿಧಿ ರೂ. 5 ಲಕ್ಷದಿಂದ ರೂ. 7.50 ಲಕ್ಷಕ್ಕೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ. ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರತ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಿಬ್ಬಂದಿ

ಮೃತರಾದಲ್ಲಿ ರೂ. 20 ಲಕ್ಷದಿಂದ ರೂ. 30 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ದಯಾತ್ಮಕ ನಿಧಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಳ.

- ಅರಣ್ಯದೊಳಗೆ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಬೆಳೆಗಳ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಗಾಗಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರ ಸಹಯೋಗದೊಂದಿಗೆ 21.35 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ಸೌರಶಕ್ತಿ ಬೇಲಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ವರ್ಷ 43.48 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದ ಗುರಿ.
- ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ದೂರ ಸಂವೇದಿ ಅನ್ವಯಿಕ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಂಕಿ ಅಧ್ಯಯನ ವಿಶ್ಲೇಷಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಉಸ್ತುವಾರಿ ಕೋಶ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ.

ಅಳಿವಿನಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾಣಿ ಪಕ್ಷಿ ಸಂಕುಲ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ

- ಬಯಲು ಸೀಮೆ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಾದ ಬೀದರ್, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ, ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ, ರಾಯಚೂರು, ಕಲ್ಬುರ್ಗಿ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ, ಬಾಗಲಕೋಟೆ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ ಮತ್ತು ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅಳಿವಿನಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಪ್ರಾಣಿ ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಪಡಿಸಿದೆ.

ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸಾಲಿನ ನೂತನ ಯೋಜನೆಗಳು

- ರೂ. 5 ಕೋಟಿ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ ಬೋಲಾ ಅರಣ್ಯಗಳ ಸರ್ವೇಕ್ಷಣೆ ಅಲ್ಲಿನ ಜೀವ ವೈವಿಧ್ಯತೆಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಳಿವಿನಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವನ್ಯ ಜೀವಿಗಳ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣೆ.
- ರೂ. 5 ಕೋಟಿ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗದ ತ್ಯಾವರಕೊಪ್ಪ ಹುಲಿ-ಸಿಂಹ ಧಾಮದಲ್ಲಿನ ಮಿನಿ ಮೃಗಾಲಯದ ಉನ್ನತೀಕರಣ.
- ರಾಮನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ರಣಹದ್ದು ಧಾಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂತಾನೋತ್ಪತ್ತಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ, ರೂ. 2 ಕೋಟಿ ಅನುದಾನ.
- ರೂ. 6.25 ಕೋಟಿ ವೆಚ್ಚದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಗಳಗರ ಪುನರ್ ವಸತಿಗಾಗಿ 5 ವರ್ಷಗಳ ಯೋಜನೆ ಪ್ರಸಕ್ತ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ರೂ. 1.25 ಕೋಟಿ ಅನುದಾನ ಮೀಸಲು.
- ರೂ. 1 ಕೋಟಿ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಮೊದಲ ಕಡಲ ಪರಿಸರ ಧಾಮ (Marine Eco Park) ಸ್ಥಾಪನೆ.

ಮಾನವ - ಸಂಘರ್ಷ ಸಂಘರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಳೆದ 1 ವರ್ಷದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾದ ಪರಿಹಾರ ದನದ ವಿವರ		
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"ದೇಶದ ಕಾಡು, ವನ್ಯ ಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳ ಸೇರಿ ಪರಿಸರ ಉಳಿಸುವುದು" - ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಭಾರತೀಯನ ಸಂದೇಶವೂ ಬದ್ಧ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ

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In CM's absence, Ashoka, Bommai to talk to PM

They have been touring affected districts and have asked deputy commissioners to assess damage and precautions taken

Forced to undergo test of strength: Sriramulu

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Only on Saturday, politicians across party lines, were wishing minister Sriramulu on his birthday and within 24 hours, they were wishing him a speedy recovery from Covid-19.

"When I am touring all districts across the state to ensure citizens receive the best of treatment, I have been forced to undergo a test of strength. I am being admitted to a hospital for treatment," Sriramulu said on Twitter. He is being treated at Bowring Hospital in Shivajinagar. His office released photos of him at the hospital. "We referred him to other hospitals, including private facilities, but he insisted he will get treated where regular citizens are being treated," said an official.

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REVENUE Minister R Ashoka and Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai will apprise Prime Minister Narendra Modi of the flood-like situation and damage caused due to heavy rains in Karnataka on Monday. With Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa in isolation at a hospital after testing positive for Covid-19, the two ministers will participate in a video conference of rain-affected States with PM Modi. The ministers have been on a tour of affected districts for about three days and have asked the deputy commissioners to put together an assessment of damage and precautions taken to save lives and livelihoods.

"Given the possibility of more rains causing more damage in the coming days, we will seek an advance from the Disaster Management Fund for the State instead of financial assistance to compensate losses. The



Revenue Minister R Ashoka and Minister V Somanna in Kodagu on Sunday | EXPRESS

estimation of losses is under way. Because of continued rains, flooding and landslides, focus is on rescue, relief and rehabilitation," Ashoka told TNIE. On Sunday, Ashoka accompanied minister V Somanna to review the situation in Kodagu.

Bommai and Ashoka in a meeting on Sunday shared inputs on their districts' reviews. On Monday at 9.30am, a final review meeting will be chaired

by the two ministers where Chief Secretary T M Vijaya Bhaskar, officials from the revenue and disaster management departments will be present. Later, the ministers will proceed to the PM's video conference.

While rain has subsided in many parts of the State, landslides, overflowing rivers and rising water levels in dams are continuing to prove a challenge.

BSY hopes to get discharged this week

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CHIEF Minister B S Yediyurappa, who was admitted to a private hospital in Bengaluru on August 2, hopes to be discharged by mid-week. Currently asymptomatic, Yediyurappa is being monitored by experts.

As per the existing guidelines in Karnataka, an asymptomatic patient can be discharged without a confirmation test if oxygen saturation level is above 95 per cent and respiratory rate is under 24 per minute.

Asymptomatic patients can be discharged even if they don't test negative 10 days after the swab collection. On Sunday, Yediyurappa completed eight days in hospital.

"Given his age, doctors have suggested a confirmatory test. The swab will be collected on Monday. If he tests negative, he will be discharged immediately," said a CMO official.

The CM has been monitoring the Covid-19 crisis and rain damage via phone and television. He will participate in the video conference with PM Modi on Monday.



Nurses, docs turn BSY aides

For a man who has four political secretaries, 18 officials in his secretariat, at least four advisers and umpteen personal assistants, Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa is on his own in his isolation ward while he recovers from Covid-19. With just one phone, notepad, one television and two charts with details of districts affected by floods, phone numbers of officers and ministers in-charge on his table, it is apparently nurses and doctors dropping in to check on the Chief Minister who are ending up assisting him. Yediyurappa calls hospital staff every now and then to look up numbers and names of officials and call them so that he can take stock of the situation. So apart from treating the 77-year-old CM, they are also doubling as his assistants.

No entry into Old Mysore

Mention Old Mysore, and BJP satraps squirm. While the party's political footprint has been continuously growing in all areas -- Coastal Karnataka, Bombay Karnataka, Hyderabad Karnataka and central Karnataka -- this small region has resisted, conforming to its 'secular bastion' tag. In fact, the party failed to reach the magic figure in 2008 and 2018 because of insufficient traction in this pocket. Saffron think-tanks have spent much time strategising about how to break into Old Mysore, so much so that National President JP Nadda raised the issue at his first meeting with local leaders. Suffice to say, discomfiture levels rose and some very big leaders were all hot under the collar.

Cross-country rally?

KPCC president D K Shivakumar's inspection tour to Bhagamandala in Kodagu to review the flood damage and landslide was almost like a cross-country rally -- about 100 cars and jeeps made a serpentine entry into the calamity-hit district, negotiating the sharp turns and bends. The convoy, it is said, took many long minutes to pass, and was so lengthy that the authorities had to stop almost all the cars well before Bhagamandala, and allow only Shivakumar's car. A certain self-appointed analyst was quick to point out that if the Congress really enjoys so much support that 100 cars follow the KPCC president, how come the party has not won a single seat in Kodagu for more than 20 years?

Congress should embrace Hindutva, says MLC

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TO counter concerns about the popularity of the grand old party, Congress MLC R Dharmasena said the party should set up a Hindu cell to encash "forgotten contributions" of the party for the cause of Hindus, and usher in change.

Dharmasena's comments came at an event to mark the anniversary of the Quit India Movement at the party's city headquarters in Mysuru on Sunday. He said the Congress has made contributions to the cause of Hindus. "In the construction of the Ayodhya tem-

ple, for instance, former PMs Rajiv Gandhi and PV Narasimha Rao have played important roles. Instead, the BJP is taking all credit," he said, adding that the Congress should also embrace Hindutva.

He also pointed out the party's contributions in matters like preventing religious conversion by former Union minister Babu Jagjeevan Ram.

"Political scenarios change every 10 years, BJP has evolved from Jan Sangh and many other versions of it, we should also embrace the change," he said.

Siddaramaiah comes out with flood of tweets

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THE failure of the State government to provide relief to last year's flood damage has aggravated the condition of this year's flood. I had warned the ministers a month back about the same but as usual there was no response," tweeted Opposition leader Siddaramaiah from his hospital bed. He was admitted in Manipal hospital with fever last week and had tested positive for Covid-19.

Siddaramaiah spoke to the Deputy Commissioner of Bagalkot and sought to know what relief measures were being taken, considering the river Krishna and its tributaries were in spate.

He tweeted, "How many roads and bridges were damaged? And how



DK Shivakumar visits Kodagu district and interacts with locals | EXPRESS

many of them have been repaired? How much was spent for the same? Will you give the answer at least now Mr Govind Karjol? (Karjol is PWD minister). Similarly, in a series of tweets, he posed questions to Education minister S Suresh Kumar seek-

ing data about the state of government school buildings and asked Housing minister V Somanna on how many houses were damaged and how many new ones were built.

He also questioned Women and child development minister Shashikala Jolle on the state of anganwadi buildings. Meanwhile, KPCC president D K Shivakumar drove to Madikeri and Talakaveri where major landslides had occurred and five persons were reported killed in the landslides and floods.

Rahul calls Siddu

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi called Siddaramaiah and enquired about his health, and Siddaramaiah's son, Dr Yathindra, MLA, who has also tested positive and is in hospital.

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at Padarayanapura, Bengaluru

OUR HUMBLE ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE EVENTFUL FIRST YEAR

KARNATAKA STATE POLICE

- Successfully maintained Law and Order on all occasions
- KSP - Forefront Covid Warriors.** In handling lock down period for Covid 19 Pandemic - Migrant labourers, movement of essential goods and services, distribution of food, social distancing and creating awareness of safety protocols
- Reduction in FIRs by 30% during last one year compare to the previous year
- Declared war against drugs** - Zero tolerance against drug peddlers and consumers. Number of NDPS raids doubled.
- Construction of Central Command Centre with state-of-the-art technology at the cost of Rs. 80 crore
- Setting up Dial 112 - Emergency Response & Support System
- Additional 89 highway patrol vehicles deployed for highway patrolling and road safety
- Supply of modern Cyber Forensic Equipments and Computers to all CEN (Cyber, Economic and Narcotics Crime) Police Stations
- Introduction of Contactless citizen centric services for Police Verification and mobile app for Passport Verification/ Security/Information

MAJOR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

- Women reservation in civil police recruitment enhanced to 25%
- Creation of 852 PSI posts for Law & Order and investigation
- 10% reservation for CAR/DAR/KSRP/KSISF in Civil Police
- 2 years age relaxation in PSI recruitment for all categories
- Modification in KSRP - C&R rules for more opportunities
- C&R rules for recruitment of sportsmen in Police Department
- Relaxation for expeditious promotion from DSP to Addl. SP

BENGALURU CITY POLICE

- CCTV cameras under Nirbhaya Scheme (Safe City Project) at the cost of Rs. 650 crore for Women Safety
- Establishment of 8 CEN Police Stations in Bengaluru City
- Establishment of Anti-Terrorist Cell (ATC)
- 75 new Hoysala Vehicles to step up security and quicker response
- Community policing initiatives like Namma Hiriyaru, Hello Neighbour Scheme, Veera Vanite Scheme for self-defence training to women and Shaurya Vahini - All Women Hoysala patrolling team

FORENSIC SERVICE LABORATORY (FSL)

- Rs. 30.16 crore released for modernisation of the FSL
- Strengthening of regional FSLs to expedite investigations

POLICE WELFARE

- Rs. 30 Lakhs ex-gratia for Covid 19 martyrs
- Rs. 19.34 crore allotted to various units under Central Benevolent Fund during 2019-20
- Rs. 2 crore paid under the Retired Police Officers Health Welfare Scheme to 2103 Ex-policemen
- Construction of Police Public Schools for children of police personnel
- Removal of anomalies in pay scales of police staff from Police Constable to SP (Non IPS) as recommended by Police Pay Committee Report
- Enhancement of risk/hardship allowance - Followers to Police Inspectors

PROSECUTION DEPARTMENT

- Process to recruit 253 Asst. Public Prosecutors initiated
- 205 APPs engaged for expeditious trial of criminal cases

HOME DEPARTMENT RECRUITMENT DRIVE - 2020

- Recruitment Completed
 - 3566 Police Constable (Civil/CAR/DAR/KSRP & IRB)
 - 603 PSI (Civil/CAR/DAR/KSRP/IRB & KSISF)
 - 12 Jailers and 777 Warders recruited in prison department
- Recruitment Planned
 - 6686 Police Constable (Civil/CAR/DAR/KSRP & IRB)
 - 718 PSI (Civil/CAR/DAR/KSRP/IRB & KSISF)
 - 1567 firemen and drivers in Fire Department

KARNATAKA STATE POLICE HOUSING & INFRASTRUCTURE CORPORATION

- 11000 quarters constructed under Police Gruha 2020 Scheme at the cost of Rs. 2272.37 crore will be completed by end of 2020
- Additional 10000 Quarters will be constructed under Police Gruha 2025 programme
- Construction of ladies toilets at police stations across the state for women police and visitors
- Modernisation of Police Training Schools at Thanisandra, Yelahanka, Hasan, Mysore, Hubli-Dharwad and Imangala at the cost of Rs. 50 crore
- Construction of Model Police Stations and Fire Stations

PRISON DEPARTMENT

- Modern prisons with hi security sanctioned at Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Vijayapura and Bidar
- Appearance of accused and official witnesses through video conferencing to the court
- Supply of Ambulances and installation of CCTV, Solar Light, Body Worn Cameras etc. to prisons for enhanced security at the cost of Rs. 12.59 crore
- Production of masks and uniforms for Covid 19
- Production of agriculture, diary and bakery products worth Rs. 3 crore by prison industry
- Prison Development Board** being created to strengthen the prison industry
- Launch of Bengaluru Radio a community radio service for prison inmates to share experiences and education

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- Attended 14276 fire/emergency/distress calls. Saved more than 8500 human lives, 2600 animals and property worth 650 crore
- 105 fire tenders and 642 firemen were involved to disinfect public places to mitigate Covid 19 infection
- 10 Fire Stations and state-of-the-art training institute under KSAFE-2 Scheme
- Modernisation by procurement of state-of-the-art fire fighting equipment
- Vehicle Monitoring System (VMS) technology for quick response

STATE DISASTER RELIEF FORCE

- Rs. 20 crore released for modernisation of SDRF
- 100 Ex-Servicemen being engaged to deal with natural disasters/emergencies

HOME GUARDS & CIVIL DEFENSE

- Entry and retirement age for Home Guards relaxed
- Allowances for Home Guards engaged in Law & Order duty enhanced to Rs. 750/- per day
- More than 8500 Home Guards and 2800 Civil Defense Volunteers were involved in management of Covid 19

Elder's Help Line



'Bengaluru Radio' at Central Prison, Bengaluru



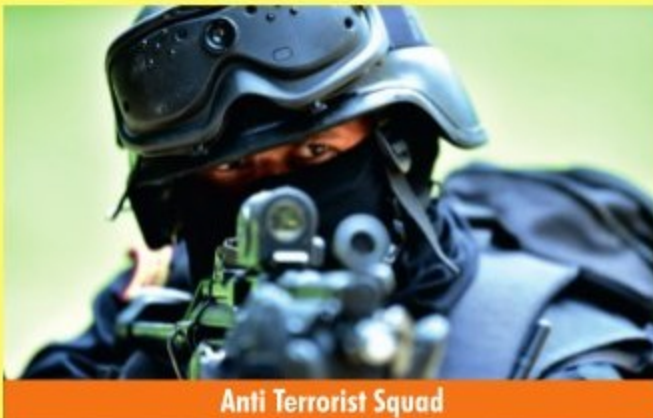
Advanced Fire Fighting Equipment



Construction of Staff Quarters



Distributing Food During The Pandemic



Anti Terrorist Squad



Civil Defense Volunteers during Covid 19



Skill Development of Prisoners



Ex-Servicemen Recruited to SDRF



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 The TCMPL Ltd., invites **TWO PART TENDERS** by way of **OFF LINE / E-SUBMISSION** from the reputed Manufacturers / Suppliers for following works / Items for Various Metro Dairies and DCMPUs under Schemes / Federation own Funds.

S.No	Name of the Items / Works	Pre-bid Meeting	Tender Submission	Technical Bid Opening
1.	CCTV Camera and accessories	17.08.2020	01.09.2020	01.09.2020
2.	5 KLPB capacity Tri Purpose centrifuge Cream Separator	17.08.2020	01.09.2020	01.09.2020
3.	Fully Automatic Ghee Filtration Machine - 2 Nos.	11.30 AM	02.09 PM	02.15 PM
4.	Conveyor for Milk Reception with Lid Opener			
5.	High Speed Servo Controlled Milk Pouch Filling Machine - 15 Nos.			
6.	POS Billing Machines with Software and Printers - 300 Nos.			
7.	Work Contract for Providing Manpower for Electrical Operational Management			

Document sale from 12.08.2020 to 31.08.2020 from 11.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M., cost - Rs.2,000.00 + 18% GST and Rs.100.00 extra by post. For downloading tender documents, EMD and other details, refer website www.tenders.in.gov.in and www.aavinmilk.com for off line/ www.tenders.in.gov.in for E-submission. Tender documents can be downloaded at free of cost.

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 2. e-Bids are invited by the Project Director, DRDA of Tiruppur and Tiruvallur Districts, for the upgradation of Rural roads, package wise, under two cover system.
 3. The Package wise bid documents can be downloaded free of cost from www.pmgstenderstn.gov.in from 10.08.2020 to 11.09.2020
 4. Common Date and Time for downloading of Bid document, submission and opening

i) Last Date and Time for downloading and online Submission of Bid Documents	11.09.2020 upto 3.00 p.m
ii) Date and Time of online opening of Bid Documents	11.09.2020 4.00 p.m onwards

Director
 Rural Development and Panchayat Raj dept.

DIPR/2977/TENDER/2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Sri. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY, N. Agred about 37 years, Son of Veerabhasakar Reddy, residing at Sri Sai Golden Arcade, VSR Layout, Kadugudi Village, Bengaluru - 560067, is intending to purchase the schedule property from R. Venkataraju son of V. Ramamiah residing at Madapanahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District.

Sd/- Sri.M.Ramu, Advocate,
 No.3, First Floor, Vinayaka Layout, Immedihalli Main Road, Whitefield, Bangalore. Mob : 9740406899

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. Gayathri W/o Sri Chikkannachari D.S. intends to purchase the schedule property from **Sri H. Nanjundappa S/o Sri M. Hanumanthappa**. If anybody have got any objections or claims may file their objections along with documents to the undersigned within Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this notice.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Site No.7/A, sites formed in Assessment No.41 of Kattigenahalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, presently comes under BBMP Ward No.5, BBMP Khatha No.2691, New PID No.005-W0762-6-1, measuring East to West: Northern side: 62-0 Feet, Southern Side: 70-0 Feet, North to South: East Side: 25-5 Feet, West Side: 32-5 Feet, totally measuring 1914 Square Feet and bounded on East by :: 30 Feet Road, West by :: Private Property, North by :: Site No.08, South by :: Site No.07.

G.P. DAYANANDA, Advocate
 No. 12, 13th Cross, Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560 002.
 Mobile: 99645 29737
 Bangalore Date: 08-08-2020.

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916
 Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
 Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bangalore - 560001. Ph : 080 41183000
 Fax:080 22275754, E-mail : customercare.bang@hdfc.com, Website: www.hdfc.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd. (HDFC Limited) under Securitisation And Reconstruction Of Financial Assets And Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (2) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notice under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the Demand Notice, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused/are getting the said Notice to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notice are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to HDFC Limited, within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amount indicated hereinbelow in their name(s), together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notice from the date mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realisation, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset has been mortgaged to HDFC Limited by the said Borrower(s) respectively.

Attention of the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset.

Sr. No	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	(Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created)
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(f)
1	Borrower: (1) Mr. Tripathi Pankaj Kumar, # 296/1, 2nd Cross, Tirumala Bakery Road, Channasandra, Kadugudi, Bangalore 560067 (2) Mr. Tripathi Pankaj Kumar, # 31, D/2, Johndhwal, Uttar Pradesh, Allahabad 211004 (3) Mr. Tripathi Pankaj Kumar, HCL Technologies Limited, Designation: Team Lead Designation: Finance, Employee No.: 51514627, Surya Sapphire, Plot No. 3, Phase - I Electronic City, Hosur Road, Bengaluru 560100 (4) Mr. Tripathi Pankaj Kumar, Flat-A-302, 2nd Floor, Palm Groves A & B Apartment, S No 315,316 & 317, Marsur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru 562106.	Loan A/c No: 623442541 Rs.26,45,144/- (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Forty Five Thousand One Hundred Forty Four Only) (as on 30.06.2020)	06.08.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.01.2020	All that piece and parcel of Residential 3 Bed Room Apartment Bearing No. A-302, in A-Block, on the Second Floor, having measuring 92.47 square metres of super built up area and 64.72 square metres of Carpet area and bearing E-Khata Number 150200101800422009 in the building known as "PALM GROVES", along with one covered car parking area of 9.75 square meter with proportionate share of 37 square metres of undivided share, right title and interest in the land property on which this building is constructed, bearing Sy.No.315, totally measuring three (3) Acres Twelve (12) guntas which is a converted land for non-agricultural residential purpose vide order of the special deputy commissioner vide conversion order nos. ALN/SR(A)563/2004-05, dated 11.10.2005, ALN(K&A) SR14/2010-11, DATED 14.07.2010 AND ALN(K&A)SR15/2010-11, dated 14.07.2010, situated at Marasur Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore.
2	Borrower: (1) Mr.C D Madappa, S/o C P Devaiah Harihara, Virajpete Talluku, Harihara, Kodagu-571249 (2) Mr.C D Madappa Villa-047, Concorde Nappavally, Tharalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560078 Co-Borrower: (1) Mrs. C M Revathi Harihara, Virajpete Talluku, Harihara, Kodagu 571249 (2) Mrs. C M Revathi, Villa 047, Concorde Nappavally, Tharalu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560078.	Loan A/c No: (1) 639985241 Rs.44,01,233/- Loan A/c No: (2) 641063273 Rs. 2,61,002/- Total Rs. 46,62,235/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Five Only) (as on 30.06.2020)	06.08.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.01.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential Plot bearing No. 47, carved out of Sy.No.s 142/3 & 141, in the layout known as "CONCORDE NAPA VALLEY" measuring East to West 12.00 meters and North to South 09.00 meters and totally admeasuring 108.00 sq. metres (1162.50 sq. mtrs.) having Khata No. 290/047 (PID No. 15002003015000300546) situated at Taralu Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk and bounded on East by : Plot No. 071, West by : Road, North by : Plot No. 046, South by : Plot No. 048.
3	Borrower: (1) Mr. Nath Shambhu, Shakuntala Niwas, C/o Late Moti Lal Sharma, At Po Chias, Kailash Nagar, Bokaro Steel City, Jharkhand 827013 (2) Mr. Nath Shambhu, No. 653/133, 6th Floor, Arekere, BTS Layout, Arekere, Near ICICI Bank ATM, Bengaluru 560076 (3) Mr. Nath Shambhu, Ceasar Realty & Infrastructure Private Limited, Designation: AGM Sales Department: Sales Employee No.: 1707, 1st Floor 602/2 Old Bellary Road, Sadashiva Nagar, Palace Orchards, Bengaluru 560080 (4) Mr. Nath Shambhu, Flat-116, Ground Floor, Elina Apartment, S No 8/3, DevaraChikkanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru 571109 Co-Borrower: (1) Mrs.Pal Dipmala, No. 653/133, 6th Floor, Arekere, BTS Layout, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Near ICICI Bank ATM, Bengaluru 560076 (2) Mrs.Pal Dipmala, New Bridge Enterprises Pvt. Ltd. Designation & Department: HR Employee No.298 4/2 2nd Floor, Kormangala, Jindal Building 100 Ft Road, Bengaluru 560034 (3) Mrs.Pal Dipmala Flat-116, Ground Floor, Elina Apartment, S No 8/3, Devara Chikkanahalli, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru 571109.	Loan A/c No: (1) 617686694 Rs.35,94,508/- Loan A/c No: (2) 622323977 Rs. 7,96,995/- Total Rs. 43,91,503/- (Rupees Forty Three Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Five Hundred Three Only) (as on 30.06.2020)	05.08.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 30.11.2019	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.116, on Ground Floor, of the building known as "ELINA", having a super built up area of 1251 Sq. Feet or 116.26 sq. meter along with one covered car parking area with proportionate share of 350 sq. feet of undivided right, title and interest in the land property bearing Sy.No.8/3, situated at Devara Chikkanahalli Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring 27.548 guntas (out of 39 guntas), now bearing BBMP Katha No. 921/8/31, situated at Devara Chikkanahalli, Hongasandra Sub Division, Ward No.186, BBMP, Bangalore.
4	Borrower: (1) Mr. Menon Santhosh V, Flat No M 15, Diamond District, Old Airport Road, H.A.S 2nd Stage H O, Bangalore 560008 (2) Mr. Menon Santhosh V, S/o Mr. Velappa Menon Beside Rest House, Chaitanya Colony, Thrissur Road, Changuvetti, Kottakkal, Malappuram, Kerala 656503 (3) Mr. Menon Santhosh V, S R Batliboi& Company, Designation: Senior Manager, Department:Audit/ Assurance Employee No.:J18241 UB City, 12th Floor, Canberra Block 24, VittalMalya Road, Bengaluru 560001 (4) Mr. Menon Santhosh V, Villa-375, Prestige Augusta Golf Village, S No 27 To 42 & 56, Vaderaahalli Village, Bidarhalli Hobli, Bengaluru 560043.	Loan A/c No: (1) 612283357 Rs.1,24,00,494/- (Rupees One Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Four Hundred Ninety Four Only) (as on 30.06.2020)	06.08.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.01.2018	All that piece and parcel of residential villa/guest house Type C- CARDEN constructed on Plot bearing No. 375, forming part of 'PRESTIGE AUGUSTA GOLF VILLES' totally measuring 2291 sq.ft. approximately consisting of a Ground Floor and First Floor admeasuring to a super built up area of 2400 sq.ft., situated on land bearing Sy. No. 27 To 42 & 56 residentially covered by order dated 17.10.2012 bearing No. ALN (EBB) SR/193/2011-12 in Vaderaahalli Village, Bidarhalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District.
5	Borrower: (1) Mr. Swaminathan Marimuthu, Po Box: 218124, 412, Serangoon Road, #03-416 Singapore (2) Mr. Swaminathan Marimuthu, No 120, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, Chamundeshwari Layout, Doddabommanahalli, Near Ganesh Temple, Bangalore 560097 (3) Mr. Swaminathan Marimuthu Sindomas Travel & Tour PTE Ltd Designation: Partner No 100, Jalan Sultan, Sultan Plaza, Singapore City (4) Mr. Swaminathan Marimuthu, Flat-0103, Tower-06, 1st Floor, Raintree Boulevard Apartment (All Blocks), Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru 560063.	Loan A/c No: (1) 639478297 Rs.85,86,096/- Loan A/c No: (2) 643494341 Rs. 2,37,119/- Total Rs. 88,23,215/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakhs Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen Only) (as on 31.07.2020)	06.08.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 29.02.2020	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing No.RBT06F0103 (FLAT-0103), in the 1st Floor, of Tower T06 in the building known as "RAINTREE BOULEVARD", having a 934 Sq.ft. of carpet area and 1320 Sq. Feet of super built up area along with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 198.00 sq. feet (18.39 sq. mtrs) of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy. No. 96/2,096/1, 95/1, 95/2, 94/1, 94/2, 94/3, 94/4, 93/1,93/2A, 93/2B, 93/3, 93/4, 93/5 and Khata No.239/240/ 275/ 88/1,240/276,89/1 situated on the west side of Bangalore Bellary highway at Byatarayanapura Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bangalore.
6	Borrower: (1) Mr. Santosh K, No 218, 11th Cross, Classic Paradise Layout, Begur Post, Opp PK Kalyana Mantapa, Bomanahalli, Bengaluru 560068, (2) Mr. Santosh K, EIT Services India Private Limited, Designation: ITO SVC Delivery Con, Department : SPE, Employee No.:21791803, Digital Park, Plot No.39-40, Konanappa Agrahara, Electronics City, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru 560100 (3) Mr. Santosh K, Flat-902, Floor-9, S2 Avantika Apartment, S No 1/1, Chikkadunnasandra Vilalge, SarjapuraHobli, Anekal Tq, Bengaluru-562125.	Loan A/c No: (1) 628630794 Rs. 41,46,396/- Loan A/c No: (2) 630098972 Rs.1,21,464/- Total Rs. 42,67,860/- (Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Only) (as on 30.06.2020)	06.08.2020 N.P.A. Date: (e) 31.07.2019	All that piece and parcel of residential flat bearing No. 902, on the Ninth Floor, of the apartment building known as "S2 AVANTIKAA", having built up area of 917 Sq. feet and super built up area of 1178 Sq. feet, with one covered car parking space with proportionate share of 365.18 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy. No.1/1, situated at Chikkadunnasandra Village, SarjapuraHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, converted to residential purpose by order No.ALN SR(A) 47/95-96 D.2.26/06/2013 from the Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore District.

*with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization. If the said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) fail to make payment to HDFC Limited as aforesaid, then HDFC Limited shall proceed against the above Secured Asset / Immovable Property under Section 13 (4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules entirely at the risk of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) as to the costs and consequences.

The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of HDFC Limited. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date: 10.08.2020
 Place: Bangalore

For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.
 Sd/- Authorised Officer,

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that my client Sri M.Anand, S/o Late M.Yarraiah, aged about 63 years, residing at No.230, 4th Cross, 6th Main, Srinivasanagar, BSK 1st Stage, Bengaluru-560050, is the absolute owner of the schedule property mentioned hereunder. However, my client has lost the three original sale deeds 1. Sale deed dated 22.01.1975, document No.4617/74-74, Book-I, Volume-1031, pages 146 to 147, registered in the office of the sub registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore and Sale deed dated 12.03.1975, document No.5361/74-74, Book-I, Volume-1038, pages 136 to 137, registered in the office of the sub registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore and Sale deed dated 05.11.1975, document No.243975-76, Book-I, Volume-1063, pages 203 to 205, registered in the office of the sub registrar, Basavanagudi, Bangalore, which are pertains to schedule property.

Therefore, the general public are hereby informed that if any one possesses the aforesaid document and claiming right, title and interest in respect of the property mentioned in the schedule herein below, will amount to fraud, mis-representation and illegal. If any person wants to file objection with regard to above, they may do so within 15 days from the date of the publication to the address given below. If no objections are received within the said period, it will be treated that there are no claims against the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.48, then No.230, formed in Sy. No.42/1, ward No.54, situated at 6th Main, 4th Cross, Banashankari 1st Stage, Bangalore, presently comes under the limits of BBMP and present BBMP No.77, PID No.54-342-77, 6th Cross, Srinivasanagar, present BBMP ward No.164, Bangalore. Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 45 Feet, along with AC sheet house thereon and bounded on East by Property No.43, West by: Road, Property No.41, North by: Property No.37, South by: Road.

A.M. GAJENDRA, Advocate,
 Srinivas Mandram, 1st Floor, Balepet Main Road, Bangalore-560053.
 Ph. No. 9845562465 Dated: 07.08.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client/s are intending to enter into a Joint Development Agreement in respect of the Property morefully mentioned in the Schedule hereto and referred to as the Schedule Property from its present owner/s Dr.PURNIMA PUJAR, Wife of Sri. Manjunath Kanyappa, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No.20, 2nd Main, Siddeshwara Layout, Siddenaahalli, Bangalore 560 073.

Any person or persons asserting any right title, interest or claim in the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the Schedule Property or the documents thereof or objecting to such Joint Development Agreement/sale in favour of my clients, should write to the undersigned within FIFTEEN days of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof, after which period my clients shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
ITEM No. 1

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property being residential site bearing BDA No.211, situated at Rajiv Gandhinagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru, bearing PID No.12-150-211, Ward No.12, Measuring East to West 18.00 Meters and North To South 12.00 meters, in all measuring 216.00 Square metres bounded on the:

East by : Site No.224, West by : Road, North by : Site No.210, South by : Site No.212.

ITEM No. 2

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property being residential site bearing BDA No.212, situated at Rajiv Gandhinagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru, New Municipal No.212, J.B.Kavel Survey No. No.1, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru vide PID No.10-150-212, Ward No.12, Measuring East to West 18.6 Meters and North To South 12.00 meters, in all measuring 223.20 Square metres bounded on the:

East by : Site No.223, West by : Road, North by : Site No.211, South by : Site No.213.

Sd/- Mahesh K.V. Advocate
 MRP Legalis, Advocates
 Flat No.3, First Floor, No.122, Margosa Road, Between 10th & 11th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bangalore-560 003.

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East by : Site No.224, West by : Road, North by : Site No.210, South by : Site No.212.

ITEM No. 2

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property being residential site bearing BDA No.212, situated at Rajiv Gandhinagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru, New Municipal No.212, J.B.Kavel Survey No. No.1, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru vide PID No.10-150-212, Ward No.12, Measuring East to West 18.6 Meters and North To South 12.00 meters, in all measuring 223.20 Square metres bounded on the:

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The Applicant/Co-Aplicants/Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the M/s. HDB Financial Services Ltd., for an amount of Rs. 1,82,40,398/- (Rupees One Crore Eighty Two Lakhs Forty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Eight Only) together with incidental expenses, cost and charges thereon.

The Applicant/Co-Aplicants/Guarantor attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable Properties: (1) All the piece and parcel of the residential corner site bearing No. 30, Situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore private layout formed by REMCO (BHEL) House Building Co-operative society Ltd., measuring East to West (60+59)2 Feet and North to South 60 Feet and bounded on: East by : Road, North by : Site No. 09, West by : Site No. 29, South by Road.

ITEM No. 2: All the piece and parcel of the residential corner site bearing No. 09, Situated at Kenchanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore private layout formed by REMCO (BHEL) House Building Co-operative society Ltd., measuring East to West (61+60)2 Feet and North to South 61 Feet and bounded on: East by : Road, North by : Road, West by : Site No. 10, South by : Site No. 30.

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Schedule C property: All the piece and parcel of residential apartment Flat No. S-E in the second Floor of 'S.L.V. Pearl' constructed in schedule A property and apartment flat measuring 1510 square feet of super built up area, along with one car parking space in the basement floor.

Property No. 2: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing site No. 57 and 58 in Katha No. 161, portion of old property No. 87, Assessment No.87, old V.P. Katha No. 209/210, situated at Medahalli village, Bidarhalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore now assigned as New Katha No. 161/87/57/58, next to SJEC college, Opp. New RTD, OMR Medahalli, Bangalore, old CMC ward No. 13, Now under BBMP ward No. 53, measuring East to West 60 Feet and North to South

TWO YEARS, TWO FLOODS, NO SOLUTIONS YET

Large number of unscientific development works in Talacauvery led to landslides; neighbours have to sort out water-sharing issue to prevent future calamities

INCREASED MEDDLING IN TALACAUVERY COST LIVES

PRAJNA GR @Madikeri

In one of the videos from the landslide site, you can spot unscientifically laid cables, installed by a private mobile network. Government officials have allowed unscientific works, deployed heavy earthmovers, sanctioned funds for new projects and looted tax-payers' money. But no one takes the blame for the disaster

—Thammu Poovaiah of Kodagu Ekikarana Samithi

A major landslide at Talacauvery in Kodagu district on Wednesday night that cost the lives of at least five people, including Talacauvery temple's main priest Narayan Achar, was because of increased human interference in this ecologically sensitive area, said environmentalists. They pointed out that in August 2019, Brahmagiri Hills at Talacauvery first reported a big crack in the earth that extended from the sacred Cauvery 'Kundike', which is the birth point of the river, to the top of the hills. The district administration sought a report from the Geological Survey of India (GSI), which stated, "A surface crack has developed near the mid-slope of Brahmagiri Hill near Talacauvery Temple and one active earth slide is present at the upslope of the crown part of the active slide. Multiple contour trenches are made by the Department of Forest at the mid-slope for conservation of water. These trenches are aligned parallel to the crack, which have allowed infiltration into the overburdened material. Slope cut

for road expansion are left unsupported."

It suggested filling up the crack with impervious materials to reduce chances of water infiltration. But no such measures were taken, instead the cracks were filled with sand in September 2019.

The short history of the disaster goes back to 2014-15 when Cauvery water at the 'Kundike' depleted. Some social activists suggested that a rainwater harvesting unit be set up on Brahmagiri Hills to increase the outflows. "An expert was called in from Puttur, and after many letters to Chief Minister B S Yeddiyurappa and central government, funds were released for the unit. Earthmovers were deployed and the forest department oversaw the project that was completed in 2016. Water flow at the Kundike increased, even during summer, and Archaka Narayan Achar too was happy," said Sampath Kumar, a retired executive officer of the Coorg Temple Funds Committee.

In another ecological disaster, hundreds of trees were chopped and the land was levelled using earthmovers near the Talacauvery Viewpoint to make way for a resort. By then, many minor landslides had been noticed across Talacauvery, Sampath said.

Also, a number of unscientific road and cable works were taken up, said Thammu Poovaiah of Kodagu Ekikarana Samithi. "In one of the videos from the landslide site, you can spot unscientifically laid cables, installed by a private mobile network. Government officials have allowed unscientific works, deployed heavy earthmovers, sanctioned funds for new projects and looted tax-payers' money. But no one takes the blame for the disaster," he said.

The Kasthurirangan report had mentioned several areas as being eco-sensitive in the district, and these very same spots are bearing the brunt of natural disasters, environmentalists pointed out, saying the report needs a second look.



The site in the Talacauvery region where the construction work was alleged to have been carried out



The flooded Srirangapatna bathing ghat on Sunday | UDAYSHANKAR S

KARNATAKA, MAHA TO SHARE DAM INFO

NAUSHAD BIJAPUR @Belagavi

A LARGE section of population across the Krishna basin in North Karnataka remains vulnerable to floods every monsoon, often caused due to the release of water from dams in Maharashtra. Despite large-scale destruction the floods often cause on both sides of the border in Maharashtra and North Karnataka, the state government has failed to find a lasting solution.

Incessant rain over the past week in several parts of North Karnataka did create a flood-like situation, but scanty and intermittent rain in the past three days brought some respite to both people and officials. To avoid a repeat of the devastation caused during the corresponding period last year, the state government has initiated stringent measures to keep a tab on water levels and release of water from all dams of Karnataka and Maharashtra in the



A woman watches the swollen Markandeya river in Belagavi on Sunday. The Khanapur bridge in Belagavi is likely to be submerged soon | EXPRESS

past two weeks.

Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi met his Maharashtra counterpart Rajendra Patil Yadavkar on Saturday near Ichalkaranji, Maharashtra, to discuss the measures taken by both sides to control the release of water into Krishna from Maharashtra, and into Krishna river in Maharashtra from the Bheema in Karnataka, along the Krishna basin. They took stock of precautionary measures and

urged officials to ensure the safety of people and cattle in the event of floods.

"I have appealed to Yadavkar to ensure that the Belagavi district administration is alerted before any decision is taken by the Maharashtra government to release water from its dams into Krishna river. Officials on both sides must exchange information about water levels in all dams and rivers. We have taken measures to avoid the damage caused last time," said Jarkiholi.

He had said on Saturday that there is no flood-like situation in the Krishna basin and its surroundings this time, as water levels in dams and rivers is not so threatening. Villagers living in flood-prone areas need not panic, he added.

According to the district ad-

ministration, steps have been taken in all flood-prone areas, including deployment of NDRF teams, boats and diversion of traffic in areas where low-lying bridges are submerged due to the rising Krishna. Based on release of water from Maharashtra, the government will decide on the exact outflow from Almati dam, which currently contains 92.42 tmcft of water against its maximum capacity of 123 tmcft. The current inflow is 1.80 lakh cusecs, and so is outflow.

However, the present level of Narayanpur dam in Yadgir district is 27.29 tmcft, against the maximum of 33.31 tmcft. As both Almati and Narayanpur dam levels are still far from danger level, sources said that none of the areas along the Krishna basin in North Karnataka is facing the threat of floods yet. Water in the Koyana dam is at 71 tmcft, against its maximum capacity of 105 tmcft.

However, farmlands around Khanapur and Nippani region are submerged due to incessant rain three days ago, and traffic was also disrupted on several routes on the border. An 18-year-old boy from Dummurubinatti, Gokak taluk, was washed away in the overflowing Bellary nala three days ago while testing his agriculture pumpset, and his body was fished out.

PM: Govt measures will change face of farming

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SINCE its launch in December 2018, the PM-Kisan scheme has so far transferred over ₹90,000 crore to more than 10 crore farmers.

The PM added the government will ensure record procurement of farm produce. "The measures taken by the government, including the reforms, will change the face of agriculture in the 21st century. Income from agriculture will grow manifold," the PM said.

Asking startups to take part in the food processing, he said that over 350 such startups are currently working in the food processing sector using the best of the innovations, including internet of things, smart equipment. He also said that a move is afoot to set up 10,000 FPOs, which will strengthen the hands of the farmers.

During the launch of the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, the PM also interacted with a farmer from Hassan, Basave Gowda, via video-conference and asked him what financial aid farmers were receiving from the government and how they farmers were benefitting. Basave Gowda, who represents the Agriculture Credit Cooperative Society, explained that they cultivate maize, ginger, potato and areca and sought support for farmers to get good prices. He explained that they were working on setting up a godown to store 1,200 metric tons of farm produce with help from NABARD and explained that his organisation supports 2,300 farmers spread over 22 villages.

State Agriculture Minister B C Patil tweeted, "I express my sincere gratitude to our PM for identifying Ugane PACS in Hassan District of Karnataka for interaction."

Did ill-fated plane land at speed higher than normal?

DHINESH KALLUNGAL @T'Puram

THE Air India Express plane involved in the accident at the Kozhikode airport on Friday night that claimed 18 lives approached the runway at a speed of higher than what is ideal for a safe touchdown, sources at the airport revealed. Also, it is learnt that the aircraft touched down on the runway well beyond the threshold mark, making it a risky landing. Besides, it is suspected that the reverse thrust mode used to reduce the speed after landing probably didn't work, which could indicate a technical fault.

"Normally, aircraft approach the runway at a speed range of 220-240kmph (120-130 knots). But this plane descended on the runway at over 300kmph," said a reliable source in the Airport Authority of India. Further, the aircraft touched down on the 2,860-metre runway (which includes the 240-metre Runway End Safety Area) at the 1,300-metre point. The Boeing 737 with 190 on board skidded and fell off the edge of the table-top runway while landing in bad weather.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation have launched an investigation



Officials inspect the mangled remains of the Air India Express that crashed, in Kozhikode on Sunday | EXPRESS

into the accident.

An inspection of the accident site also raised suspicion whether the aircraft engine had really worked in reverse thrust -- a process of temporarily diverting the engine's thrust against the forward travel to provide deceleration. According to experts, even aircraft that touchdown beyond the threshold mark can be effectively stopped if the engine is in the reverse thrust mode.

After landing, the plane crossed Runway End Safety Area and broke the instrument landing system lights. The officials who inspected the site told Express the splinters of the landing system lights were strewn on the tarmac.

SATHE WAS METICULOUS AND SYSTEMATIC: EX-DRDO SCIENTIST

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

Among those in the defence and aviation circles who were shocked by the Air India Express crash at Kozhikode, is Captain Deepak Vasant Sathe's long-time professional contact, Dr K Tamilmani, former Director General of Aeronautical Systems at Defence Research & Development Organisation.

Captain Sathe, who was the pilot-in-command, and his co-pilot Akhilesh Kumar were among those who died in the incident.

Wing Commander (retd) Sathe, who served in Indian Air Force from June 1981 to June 2003, served in Bengaluru towards the end of his IAF career before he moved to Air India.

Tamilmani (68) bills him as a thorough professional. Factors beyond human control may have caused the

tragic accident to the Dubai-Kozhikode flight, he opined.

Tamilmani, who held the post of a scientist at DRDO earlier, closely worked with Sathe for around four years from 2000 to 2003. Reliving their stint together, he said, "The DRDO used to develop Airborne Early Warning (AEW) systems for aircraft that can help detect enemy aircraft at long ranges. Sathe served as a test pilot then. Both of us in the cockpit along with an engineer used to fly such aircraft regularly."

He said, "Sathe was meticulous and systematic. He would constantly try to understand everything about our aircraft by interacting with scientists and engineers and making notes. When flying, he would gradually expand the flight envelope. Despite his super abilities, he was never a risk-taker."

"We took part in four or five Aero India shows together," Tamilmani said.

"Sathe was also a real team player and colleagues relished working with him. Apart from being an excellent squash player, he was good in golf too," Tamilmani recalled. "Though he moved away from IAF, we developed a bond and used to meet once in a while and kept in touch through calls too," he said.

Asked to give his take on the accident, Tamilmani said, "Everything that is being speculated and written about now is only a possible, possible, scenario. Only the Black Box can give us the truth."

"The Directorate General of Civil Aviation should have banned landing on Table Top airports in the country during rainy weather after the Mangaluru tragedy," he said.

Andhra CM Jagan announces ex-gratia of ₹50 lakh for families of victims

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FOUR of the inmates jumped from the first floor where the fire was raging. They sustained serious injuries. All of them were rushed to a hospital where their condition is said to be stable. Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the death of the patients and offered all the Chief Minister possible support from the Centre.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy announced an ex-gratia of ₹50 lakh each to the bereaved families and directed officials to ensure medical care for the injured.

Health Minister Alla Kali Krishna Srinivas and Home Minister M Sucharitha held a review meeting with police and district officials. Later, speaking to the media, he explained there were 31 Covid patients in the hotel and 18 were rescued.

"The body of one was found charred on the first floor. Nine patients who were on the second floor died of asphyxiation. Apart from the 31 patients, there were seven hospital staff and six hotel staff when the mishap took place," Sucharitha said.

Ramesh Hospitals, a private establishment, has taken Swarna Palace Hotel on lease from

July. It has been using the hotel to house Covid patients with mild symptoms. It had applied for permission to treat Covid patients in May. Based on the complaint of the local tehsildar, a case has been registered against both the hospital and the hotel.

The tahsildar, in the complaint, said it appeared that the hotel and hospital management had knowledge of electrical defects in the building but avoided rectifying the same considering the expense involved. "Knowing the fact that if the defects are not rectified, there is a possibility of short-circuit, they opened the Covid

Care Centre in the hotel," the complaint alleges. Acting swiftly, the government constituted two separate committees -- one to study the cause of the mishap and another to probe if the hospital has the requisite permissions. The panels have been directed to submit their reports in 48 hours.

President Ram Nath Kovind, Vice-President M Venkaiah Naidu, TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu, BJP State president Somu Veerajulu and Jana Sena president Pawan Kalyan were among those who conveyed their condolences to the bereaved families.

TIMELINE

4.45 AM: Fire breaks out in the lobby on the ground floor of Swarna Palace Hotel	5.09 AM: Distress call made to fire services dept by the housekeeping staff	5.13 AM: 6 fire tenders rush to Swarna Palace. 50 fire personnel take up rescue and fire fighting operations	6 AM: Fire doused
			7 AM: All inmates evacuated from the premises

UNABLE TO ESCAPE, PEOPLE SCREAMED FOR HELP FROM WINDOWS

Over 30 people at the Covid care centre being run at Hotel Swarna Palace in Vijayawada had a harrowing experience. The inmates, who woke up in a panic, rushed out of their rooms only to find the corridors blocked with thick smoke. Their screams for help did not evoke any response as the hotel staff were themselves finding ways to escape.



PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES EX-GRATIA

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who enquired about the Swarna Palace fire mishap with Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy in the morning, announced an ex-gratia of Rs two lakh each from Prime Minister National Relief Fund to the next of kin of those who have lost their lives and ₹50,000 each to those injured

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people including 31 patients present at the Covid Centre at time of the mishap

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of the 10 victims tested positive for Covid



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— Ramnath Goenka



Strength, strength it is that we want so much in this life, for what we call sin and sorrow have all one cause, and that is our weakness. With weakness comes ignorance, and with ignorance comes misery

Swami Vivekananda

AUTHORITIES SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO AIR SAFETY

The Union civil aviation minister is correct when he said there should be no speculation over what caused Friday night's deadly air accident in Kozhikode, the worst in the last 10 years. There should also be no blame game before a thorough investigation conclusively proves what led to the crash. The Kozhikode airport is not the only one with a tabletop runway in India or abroad. There are at least five other airports in India with similar runways. The US and the Netherlands too have such airports. Further, commercial flights have routinely landed safely in worse weather conditions than was prevalent in Kozhikode on the fateful night.

Having said that, it would not be improper to raise certain air safety issues regarding airports in India, which several experts claim they have flagged with the concerned authorities. Some of the experts have pointed out that the Kozhikode airport has excessive rubber coating on the landing surface, making it risky. They claimed this had been pointed out to the authorities but little corrective measures were taken. The question that arises then is, why didn't the aviation authorities act? The drawback with tabletop airports in general is that if there is strong tailwind during inclement weather, there is a possibility of the aircraft touching down beyond the safe limit. If initial reports are to be believed, the ill-fated flight landed halfway down the runway because of which it overshot it and fell 35 feet downhill. Again the question that arises is: Would it not have been wiser to divert the flight to some other airport as it had, according to reports, enough fuel?

Most experts are unanimous that several airports across the country have safety issues. While some have shorter runways than internationally prescribed, others suffer from poor maintenance. Others like the Chennai airport have security gaps, as pointed out by the International Civil Aviation Organisation about two years ago. What is worse is that though these shortcomings have been pointed out, the authorities seem to have only brushed them under the carpet. It is time air safety issues are not treated so cavalierly.

EDUCATION POLICY & THE LEARNING DIVIDE

The cost of education in India has been on an upward spiral for the last several years and policies have been ineffective in regulating it. The amount of money Indians spend from their pocket on general education has risen by a whopping 175% between 2008 and 2014. That apart, Indians spend ₹25,000 crore every year on private tuition, because learning in schools does not seem to be enough. This rampant and unchecked increase has denied the poor and lower middle class the privilege of quality education.

Take for instance the IITs—India's premier technological institutions. Over half of India's total higher education expenses are on these public institutions. But how many public school students get sufficient coaching to crack the IIT entrance exam? In 2017, out of over eight lakh State Board students in Tamil Nadu, a mere 20 cleared the exam. The figure for Gujarat was 14. The situation is even worse when it comes to private colleges with prohibitive fee structures. Covid has only exacerbated this situation. Students are now being forced to drop out of their classes if their parents, hit by the lockdown, are unable to pay the fees on time. This newspaper reported in detail about how many students across TN have moved from high-cost CBSE schools to low-cost State Board ones this year because parents were unable to pay the fees. And those in State Board schools have moved to free government ones.

It is at this crucial juncture that the National Education Policy is coming into the scene. It promises to bring in transparency in fee structures, but also allows private universities the freedom to fix their own fees. This has sparked concerns. Private universities will have to give 20% seats to those who deserve it for free and subsidise the charges for another 30% through scholarships. While this looks good on paper, questions remain about its implementation. The Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, a landmark piece of legislation, is still far from being implemented in its full spirit, though it was introduced over a decade ago. Will the NEP bridge the gaps in education between the poor and rich or worsen it? Only time will tell.

What commenced in Ayodhya on August 5 was an external manifestation or realisation of the temple to Rama already within

SRI RAMA: BACK TO AYODHYA

MAKARAND R PARANJPE



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RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE

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grand temple to Lord Ramachandra in his birthplace, Ayodhya, should be cause for celebration and reverence, rather than politics and polemics. The return of Sri Rama to rule the city of his birth after a long *vanvaas*, banishment, of 14 years. His defeat of the evil Ravana, who had abducted his wife, Sita. And his reign as the righteous ruler. All these are etched into the very soul of India and the fabric of its eternal consciousness, which we call Sanatana Dharma.

Nor is the narrative of this *mar-yada purushottama*, embodiment of rectitude, virtuous monarch endowed with all good qualities, praised by humans and Gods, unknown outside India. The Ramayana story, in its hundreds of versions, has influenced the entire region where Indian culture flourished in the days of yore. Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Malaysia, Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, China, Korea, Japan. And in more recent times, because the Tulsi Ramayana was so much a part of the interiorised survival toolkit of the *girimityas*, our diaspora of labour, the legend of King Rama spread to even more distant parts of the world, from Suriname to Fiji.

From the dying syllables of mahatmas like Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to the ubiquitous chant that accompanies the already dead on their last journey to the cremation ground and beyond, the name of Rama, some have claimed, is greater than the god-hero himself. The mantra of Sri Rama Jai Rama Jai Jai Rama, credited to Samartha Ramdas, the guru of Shivaji, also links Rama to our struggle for *svarajya*, freedom from bondage and slavery. When all else fails, we say 'nirbal ke bal Rama'—Rama is the strength of the weak. Only Rama. That's all you need. Rama nama, the name of Rama is the *tarak mantra*, the surety of safe passage across the treacherous seas of samsara. Rama, thus, is not just a person, real or legendary, but another name for the Supreme Consciousness itself.

What better way to return to his capital, Ayodhya, the city of eternal peace, for this great symbol of Indian unity, truth and moral perfection, than through a non-violent, constitutional resolution of the dispute over the shrine commemorating his place of birth? What then of the destruction of the Babri Masjid? Yes, it was



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brought down, but it was one mosque as opposed to the thousands upon thousands of temples, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain and Sikh, ravaged by Islamic conquerors. Have Islamists uttered one word of apology or regret for so much destruction, an entire people, culture, civilisation oppressed and brought almost to extinction? All is justified, still vaunted, by its more extremist proponents.

A grand temple to Lord Rama in Ayodhya! An aspiration fulfilled after nearly 500 years of prayers. A movement spearheaded some three decades ago, in independent India, at last coming to fruition. Who would object to it? But such is the contentious nature of our pub-



As Supreme Spirit, formless and timeless, Rama, of course, is everywhere ... But how can we say that Rama should only remain inside and never be given a proper habitation he so richly deserves in his own city? Is the only good Hindu one who externally and compulsorily appears non-Hindu, who always passively and helplessly complies with the destruction of the symbols of his faith, never having the courage to defend it?

lic culture that you will find a headline such as 'Ram, I will not find you there', shouting at you. But, then, why should it surprise you at all?

Even if its author is Pratap Bhanu Mehta, a respected and learned liberal champion, known both for his courage and good sense. Of course, he is entitled to his opinion. That's not the point. The question is, what is the basis for his assertion? So, a closer look is called for. The author says, Ram is enough. No need for Sri as a prefix, let alone 'Jai', or victory. 'Sri' or 'Siya' stands for Rama's spouse, Shakti, or, more specifically Goddess Lakshmi, since Rama is considered an avatar of Vishnu. The conjoint address of Sri Rama or Siya Rama thus includes his female aspect, like Radha Krishna or Sambashiva (sah-Amba-Shiva, the Lord with his consort, the Divine Mother), typical of Hindu modes of understanding, in which God is the Shiva-Shakti or Yin-Yang compound of Absolute Reality.

As Supreme Spirit, formless and timeless, Rama, of course, is everywhere. So how can he not be found in Ayodhya? The notion is metaphysically and theologically preposterous. As the RSS Sarsanghachalak, Mohan Rao Bhagwat, said in his consecration address,

Rama resides not just in Ayodhya, but in our *manmandir*, the temple of our mind and heart. What commenced in Ayodhya on August 5 was thus an external manifestation or realisation of the temple to Rama already within.

How can we then say that Rama should only remain inside, but never be given a proper habitation he so richly deserves in his own city? Is the only good Hindu one who externally and compulsorily appears non-Hindu, who always passively and helplessly complies to the destruction of the symbols of his faith, never having the courage to defend it?

Nobody has waged war in Rama's name. Using specious constitutional arguments to gloss over the terrible history of devastation and violence—nearly a thousand years of war and misrule against the very ethos of the land—is only a sad testimony to our own hypocrisy and denial. Let's not be such bad losers, dear Le-Lis!

The restoration of Lord Rama to his city was effected through judicial means, not street fights or armies of vandals. Come! Ayodhya invites us all to pay homage to the Lord on his triumphant return. Even Mehta, whose version of Rama differs from mine, is most welcome.

(Tweets @MakarandParanspe)

S'PORE POLLS: CONSOLIDATING OPPOSITION TO POLITICAL CONTINUITY

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n 10 July 2020, Singapore went to the polls in its 14th parliamentary elections even as the country faced the twin challenges of Covid-19 and the severe economic recession that the world has to deal with to the pandemic. After nearly six decades, the opposition led by the Workers' Party (WP) has for the first time won 10 seats out of the 93 in the unicameral Singaporean parliament. The ruling People's Action Party (PAP) continues to remain in power with 83 seats, but politically, it is a wake-up call for the party that has been at the helm of political affairs since 1959.

At the heart of the matter are several issues that plagued the ruling party and its approach to politics, which were both internally and externally driven. At the internal level, the PAP had systematically been returned to power through the electoral mandate even while there has not been any substantial role for opposition voices, thereby pushing

its own agenda on various reforms and constitutional changes. In most of the elections held so far, the PAP has won more than a two-thirds majority, leaving little room for opposition parties to express their concerns or influence the formulation of key policy matters. At the external level, the impact of Covid-19 on the Singaporean economy has been critical with the country's GDP plunging by 41% as it faces the worst recession since the global financial crisis of 2008.

Singapore has clauses in its Constitution that relate to Non-Constituent Members of Parliament (NCMPs) and Nominated Members of Parliament (NMPs). The NCMPs are the contestants with the highest votes among the losing candidates; they are inducted into parliament as opposition voices. This was specifically addressed as a constitutional provision in 1984, given that the PAP continued as the single dominant political party for much of the

country's history. The number of NCMPs in each parliament varies depending on the number of opposition members elected and the Constitution provides for a maximum of 12 NCMP candidates. The NCMP members actually presented a critical moral dilemma in the political system—these members were never technically "elected" opposition members and were basically inducted to provide a veneer that an opposition existed, though some have proved to be strong voices. Moreover, it gave legitimacy to the near total control that the PAP had in parliament, with claims of the opposition being represented by the NCMPs.

Similarly, the Constitution also has provisions for nine NMPs, who are appointed by the Presi-



The opposite positions taken by the two sons of Singapore's founding father brought life to the short campaign period ... The good performance of the Workers' Party is significant amid the recent economic downturn. While its four-seat gain may not seem that big, this has come at a time when the centre-right has done well across several countries. Given Singapore's political history, this is no small feat

dent. Normally, these NMPs are independent voices with credible standing in society who are not politically affiliated. Given the ideological leanings of the PAP as a centre-right grouping, the NMPs were mostly technocrats who fitted into the PAP's overarching policy formulations.

In the run-up to this year's general elections, several noticeable shifts were visible in the political fray. First, a group emerged from within the ruling People's Action Party. A former PAP political leader, Tan Cheng Bock, who had been a strong contender for the presidential post in 2011, formed the Progress Singapore Party (PSP) in 2019. The dynamics of Singapore's founding father Lee Kuan Yew's family were also playing itself out in this context as his younger son Lee Hsien Yang, brother of the current premier Lee Hsien Loong, joined the PSP, fracturing the legacy and mandate of the prime minister and the PAP even further. Interestingly, both Tan Cheng Bock and Lee Hsien Loong articulated the opinion that the PAP, as the single dominant party in Singapore, was not capable of leading the country forward given the political complacency associated with repeated incumbency. The call for change was focused on the lack of transparency in the system and highlighted the opacity that political domi-

nance by one party leads to, especially in the absence of credible checks and balances. The polar opposite positions taken by the two sons of Singapore's founding father, no doubt, brought life to the short campaign period, but also highlighted the divisiveness in the political process even within the same family. In the elections last month, the PSP lost and two of its losing members have been inducted into the cabinet and declared "elected" as NCMPs.

The most credible shift was the position of the Workers' Party (WP), which represents a centre-left social democratic platform. Winning 10 out of the 93 elected seats in parliament, it has increased its share by four additional seats since the 2015 elections. Significantly, in the context of the recent economic downturn, the WP's seat gain is a credible victory as it represents the working class sections of Singaporean society. The leader of the Workers' Party, Pritam Singh, has been made leader of the opposition. In the context of the political volatilities observed across several democracies, this small victory of the Worker's Party may not seem that big. However, at a time when the centre-right has claimed its legitimacy across several countries, and given Singapore's political history, this is no small feat.

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Followed protocol

The 83-year-old mother of the pilot has taken pride in the fact that her son appears to have done everything he could to limit the damage due to the crash before he died. ('My son saved 170 people but God took him away', Aug 9). Deepak should be admired for following protocol even in such a tense situation. **TR Krishnachandran, Thrissur**

Saved as many as he could

Wing Commander Deepak Vasant Sathe (Retd.), along with his copilot Akhilesh Kumar, exhibited extraordinary courage and professional expertise while landing at the Kozhikode airport despite inclement weather and faulty landing gear. He emptied the plane's fuel before the crash to save as many as he could. **MR Nair, Nileseshwar**

Brave Malappuram locals

Kudos to the Malappuram locals for having displayed great bravery and humanity in helping save the lives of passengers on board the crashed plane. Hundreds of people came forward to assist the rescue operations despite heavy rains and the worry of Covid. They were there even before the officials reached the location. **TP Ahmed Shafeeq, Mahe**

Coming to their rescue

One must salute the rescue efforts of the locals around the crash site for voluntarily coming to help passengers trapped in the debris of the crash, disregarding their own safety. The people of Malappuram have proved they value human life above all else. It is hoped BJP leader Maneka Gandhi takes note. **Sankaranarayanan K C, Ernakulam**

No permanent enemies

This is with reference to *US-China, Nixon to Trump: End of a delusion?* (Aug 9). The article has highlighted the vacillations of US policies. No doubt policies have to change with the times, but the US is changing its position based on business interests. America has no permanent enemies; we have to play the right cards to protect our interests. **Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery**

Trump's China card

Ex-US president Richard Nixon and his secretary of state had perfected the dictum that America has no permanent friend or enemy. President Trump is determined to play every trick in his bag, including the China card, to win the polls. The nation's interests take precedence for most US leaders. **CG Kuriakose, Kothamangalam**

Autonomy to colleges

This is with reference to *Education policy: The exit of affiliation* (Aug 9). Granting autonomy to award degrees to all affiliated colleges is a welcome step. Reducing the number of colleges currently active to ensure quality higher education and maximum enrolment would be more useful. **P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai**

Lanka election results

The victory of the Rajapaksa in the Sri Lankan Parliamentary elections unerringly points to the people's will to eradicate terror or separatism of any kind—Islamist groups or the LTTE. The weakening of the multi-party Tamil National Alliance also seems to be an indication in this regard. **K R Parvathy, Mysuru**

Burden on parents

The reports about school fees increasing exponentially over the years and parents being charged exorbitant fees by private schools even during Covid times is sad. Seeing as many profiteer even during normal times, it would have been better if they had shown magnanimity during the pandemic. It is high time the government intervened to lessen the burden on parents. **R Sridharan, Chennai**

Is their demand justified?

Private schools must introspect whether their demand for full school fees covering all the expenses of a year just for online classes despite the order of the Madras HC is justified. It is strange that this is practised in a place that teaches ethics to students. **K Jayanthi, Chennai**



Jyotiraditya M. Scindia @JM_Scindia
Under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, during Covid-19, ₹17000 crore has been transferred to farmers bank accounts directly.



Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi
Let your voice be heard on unemployment. Join with us on #RozgarDo. Awaken the Modi government from sleep.



Prashant Bhusan @pbbhusan1
Union Minister Meghwal who endorsed 'papad' brand for fighting corona has tested positive. Did he feed his papad to Shah?

'NEP-like policy to boost investment'

ASSERTING that the new National Education Policy is the kind of wholesale reform that needs to come up in other sectors as well to encourage entrepreneurship and investment, **Aditya Berlia**, Co-Promoter, Apeejay Styra and Suran Group said the government needs to bring in new reforms now and not wait for five or 10 years. His remarks came during a conversation on Reform India to boost entrepreneurship and investment with **Prabhu Chawla**, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express, on TNIE's Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.

Aditya Berlia said, "NEP is a brilliant policy. I have full faith in the NEP. The new NEP is the kind of wholesale reform — although it's just a policy we have to still wait for the actual law — that needs to come into the industry as well. That is the new deal for India because the current deal is not working, Covid-19 has really pointed out a lot of holes in this old deal.

Now is a great time to come up with something new and say 'look we had the courage to do demonetisation, to come up with a new NEP, so we have the courage to do a complete renovation for our ecosystem to encourage entrepreneurship and investment. That is what I am hoping for," said Aditya.

Responding to what reforms he would like to see in the next ten years, Aditya said, "I would love to see them in the next six months, 10 years is too long. First, I would say there are two philosophical changes that have to happen. Ease of doing business is the wrong term, it should be ease of transaction. Transaction also means getting a subsidy from the government, not just profit-making transactions but everything else. When people talk about growth, it means millions of transactions done at a specific speed and how fast or easily you can do it. Secondly, India competes globally now and not just with a few countries. Any-



thing that we do has to be globally benchmarked and on a certain level."

Speaking about reform, Prabhu Chawla added that it should be in the pattern of equitable distribution of wealth. "What has happened during Covid, all the service sectors have broken down, they were

all closed. We don't have enough people getting enough money in their hands to sustain the service sector. You want people to fly more, buy more but imagine how many cars will the middle class ultimately buy? People who don't have a car, or scooter or a one-bedroom house how will they buy more to sustain the development of the service sector? Then what is the reform here? Reform means you have to go back to the demand-led model rather than a supply model. Basically, reform should be in the pattern of distribution of wealth — equitable distribution of wealth."

Aditya said he would like to see reforms in land and real estate development, "India needs a broader civil service. Reform is needed there, India right now is so understaffed in key policy positions, you can't build a four trillion economy like that. My plea to the government is that they come up with newer and bolder reforms."



'Andaman to be digitally connected'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A day before inaugurating the submarine optical fibre cable in for Andaman and Nicobar, Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** said that 12 islands have been selected for high impact projects. The Prime Minister said that the government is working in the direction of promoting the island as maritime and Start Up hubs.

The PM was interacting with the BJP workers of the island through video conference ahead of the inauguration of the cable network. He said that the project will bring qualitative change in the digital connectivity of the island.

The 2300 kms long high spend under sea cable network is expected to give a boost to the high speed telecom and broadband networks in the island. The cable network is also stated to strengthen the maritime security, with the Prime Minister mentioning the proximity of the islands with the ports in the neighbouring countries.

The PM was given an overview of the relief works carried out by the party workers in the island after the outbreak of the Covid-19.

BJP chief J P Nadda said that India now has 50,000 ventilators, while another 20,000 are in the pipeline.

"Governments in other countries are dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. But PM Modi has prepared the country to fight the pandemic. India is now manufacturing 5 L PPE kits daily," said Nadda.

'Annual rainfall going down but rise in short period in Kerala since 1971'

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

BLAME it on human induced climate change with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) noticing an increasing trend of heavy rainfall in dekad (10 days period) causing massive landslides and flooding in Kerala, especially eastern parts, in the month of August for the last 49 years.

In a worrying trend, an analysis of rainfall period between 1901-2019 shows that annual rainfall during monsoon is decreasing but dekadal rainfall causing heaving damage is on the rise.

The eastern parts of the state — Kannur, Wayanad, Kozhikode, Malappuram, Palakkad and Idukki districts have reported the heaviest rainfall and landslides in the past few years. A red alert has been issued for a few districts



and many were killed in landslides due to heavy rainfall.

According to the IMD, the analysis of rainfall data of the last century indicates a significantly decreasing trend in the annual as well as southwest (SW) monsoon rainfall. "Although rainfall in Kerala shows a decreasing trend in the SW monsoon season, two recent years (2018 and 2019) have exhibited exceptionally heavy

rainfall spells (more than the annual average in many stations) of shorter duration (about 10 days) during July and August, causing damage to life and property. These extreme events are likely to be driven by anomalous atmospheric conditions due to climate variability and climate change," said a paper published in the Current Science journal.

First dekadal of August showed a significant increasing trend (95%) for the second part of the data (1971-2019) exhibiting its peak in 2019 with 127 HR events, it noted.

"Both moderate (99%) and heavy rainfall (95%) events frequency during the entire data period was seen to be significantly decreasing in Kerala.

The study highlights that few areas exhibit possible disaster potential over Kerala.



GOODBYE CAPTAIN

Captain Deepak Sathe's wife Sushma and son Dhananjay during his funeral ceremony in Mumbai on Sunday | PTI

Covid: Ventilators no more first choice, docs prefer oxygen therapy for patients

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

OVER the last few months, hospitals have changed the way they are treating very Covid-19 patients.

Early in the pandemic, there was almost a rush to put patients with dangerously low oxygen levels on ventilators but nearly six months into the pandemic, doctors have learnt that it does not work—mostly.

Instead, a lesser known method of treatment for ICU patients with acute respiratory distress syndrome, has taken the centre stage.

High flow oxygen therapy—in which patients are given oxygen at the rate of about 60 litre per minute coupled with lying on the stomach by patients —has emerged as a preferred procedure for ICU patients. No wonder that domestic manufacturers are

struggling to find takers in both government and private sectors.

With just about 40,000 ventilators, the unavailability of the crucial medical device was anticipated to be a major impediment in the fight against the disease.

As part of the Central aid about 18,000 low cost 'Made In India' ventilators have been already provided to the states. But, as it turns out, for most part they have not even been used, say sources as the understanding about the disease has changed.

Critical care specialists, this newspaper spoke with, said that initially it was thought that in the worst case scenario, Covid-19 leads to severe pneumonia in some patients.

"We used to avoid non-inva-

sive ventilation and high flow oxygen fearing it would increase the risk to healthcare workers," said Dr Dipak Govil, a critical care specialist in Medanta hospital in Gurugram.

As per the data released by the Health Ministry, less than 0.3% of the active cases were on ventilator. "We are learning on the go and seem to be getting better in managing ICU patients without ventilators," said Dr Dhruva Chowdhary, an intensivist in PGI, Rohtak.

Another ICU doctor in Mumbai said, "There was a search from New York which showed that up to 80% of the patients on ventilators did not recover and that particular paper kind of prompted doctors pin hopes on oxygen therapy."

New record: 7L covid testing done in a day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

A record number of over 7,19,364 tests for Covid-19 were carried out on Saturday as the country registered yet another steepest overnight hike of 64,399 cases.

This was the first time the number of tests in a day crossed the 7-lakh mark. The Centre has set a target of carrying out 10-lakh tests per day over the next few weeks.

There is no break up of the tests shared by the government everyday but in a press conference last week, Indian Council of Medical Research director general Dr Balram Bhargava had said that of the total tests, nearly 25-30 % are rapid antigen tests, that is quick and cheaper but misses about 50 % true positives, and its share is growing.

Poor police probe, local clout help Vikas Dubey's get bail, be free in UP

Political interference, villagers support help gangsters to flourish

KANU SARDA & NAMITA BAJPAI @ New Delhi/Lucknow

IN Uttar Pradesh, crime and punishment are often separated by evidentiary inadequacies: A criminal booked for heinous crimes manages to bail himself out because he is so feared that nobody comes forward to record statements against him.

Vikas Dubey, who was killed in a suspected staged encounter, was out on bail. In fact, those who doubt the police version in Dubey's case tend to agree that had he been alive, it would have been almost impossible to get him convicted in any, or all of the cases under which his conviction was to be sought in a court of law.

Senior police officers say that's a dangerous situation for a law-based system and mirrors social chaos exacerbated by political interference and dilatory legal processes.

A police officer, who does not want to be named and was an Investigating Officer in one of the Vikas Dubey cases, says gangsters like him exercise enormous influence on villagers so much that despite assurances given to them for their protection, no one comes forward to testify, citing threat to life.

"In such cases we are helpless as a mere filing of a case yields no result in a court of law, which demands irrefutable evidence," said the police officer.

"First, policing in the criminal justice system is compromised, which results in failed prosecution. That's especially so in cases against gangsters, where prosecution often fails to gather evidence and pleads the case by recording statements of the witnesses under Section 164 of CrPC," says Vikram Singh, former DGP, Uttar Pradesh Police. "When the police fail to provide evidence and witnesses turn hostile, courts remain unmoved, letting the gangster go scot-free. The courts then direct the police to re-investigate the cases," said Singh.

Supreme Court lawyer Reha Agarwal says courts can't go and conduct investigation on their own. The best the court can do in such cases is order a re-investigation. "So the onus of securing bails and acquittals are largely to be blamed on the police officers who are unable to gain the trust of the people to make them credible witnesses," she said.

Soon after the Dubey incident, the UP Police came out with a list of gangsters who despite having serious charges are currently out on bail and are trying to nab each of them.

Here's looking at a five such cases in UP:

Lallu Yadav: The Lucknow police say he has 54 criminal cases against him, including four murders and seven attempted murders, besides illegal possession of firearms.



Don Vikas Dubey was killed in a suspected staged encounter in UP | EXPRESS

OUT IN OPEN	
LALLUYADAV	RAJESHYADAV
Number of cases: 54	Number of cases: 22
Nature of cases: Murders, attempt to murders, and illegal possession of firearms	Nature of cases: Murder, attempt to murder, extortion, rioting and abduction
Present position: Out on bail	Present position: Out on bail
Reason for bail: Police failed to file chargesheet under the stipulated period	Reason for bail: Police yet to complete investigation
SANJEEV DWIVEDI ALIAS RAMU DWIVEDI	BACCHA PASSI ALIAS NIHAL KUMAR
Number of cases: 12	Number of cases: 24
Nature of cases: Murder, UP gangster Act, Arms Act, rioting and criminal trespass	Nature of cases: Murder, attempt to murder, loot, robbery, extortion, dacoity and cases under Gangster Act and Arms Act
Present position: Out on bail	Present position: Out on bail
Reason for bail: Police failed to bring witnesses in the case	Reason for bail: Police failed to produce necessary evidence (in arms act, police failed to produce the illegal weapon)
DILIP MISHRA	
Number of cases: 46	
Nature of cases: Murder, bombing, loot, abduction	
Present position: Out on bail	
Reason for bail: Police failed to bring witnesses for testimony against him	

He was a member of the Zila Panchayat and his wife was the head of a block. Yadav heads a land mafia and operates from Kakroi on the outskirts of Lucknow. He has acted in two films - Chhabili and Lucknow Ka Bittu. He's currently out on bail. Most cases against him are on trial stage and no charge-sheet filed.

Sanjeev Dwivedi alias Ramu Dwivedi: A former Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) MLC has over a dozen criminal cases registered against him at Chauri-Chaura police station in Gorakhpur. Booked twice under UP gangster Act, and once under Arms Act, Dwivedi has also been booked in cases of rioting and criminal trespass. Dwivedi is out on bail, cases pending in various courts with conviction in none so far. Police have failed to bring any witness in the murder cases.

Rajesh Yadav: An alleged associate of Chhota Rajan. Rajesh Yadav has been slapped with 22 cases of murder, attempt to murder, extortion, rioting, abduction and others. Out on bail, Yadav's gang has been lying low for the last one-and-a-half years. The order sheet shows no court has proceeded with the trial as there was no progress in the police investigation.

Baccha Passi alias Nihal Kumar: A sharp shooter of

Chhota Rajan gang. Passi has 24 criminal cases including murder, attempt to murder, loot, robbery, extortion, dacoity and cases under Gangster Act and Arms Act registered against him. Out on bail, Passi along with his three aides was once arrested and booked in a case of contract killing when he had travelled to Mumbai to bump off a businessman at the instance of Chhota Rajan in 2006. Interestingly, despite booking him under the Arms Act, the police failed to produce the arms involved in the case and thus the court granted him bail.

The latest case against Passi is related to the murder of Sachin Sonkar in 2019. Despite the manhunt, Passi dodged the Prayagraj police and surrendered in court. He is out on bail.

Dilip Mishra: The former block head faces 46 cases of heinous crimes. He is accused in an attempt-to-murder case wherein he had attacked the present state minister of civil aviation Nand Gopal Gupta Nandi. He was booked under UP Gangster Act in 2008. In May, this year, he was arrested and lodged in Naini jail in Prayagraj for sheltering a wanted criminal.

In Mishra's case, the police failed to bring witnesses on record giving him the benefit of the doubt. He is out on bail.

11 members of Pakistan Hindu migrant family found dead in Jodhpur, mass suicide suspected

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

IN a shocking case, 11 members of Hindu refugee family from Pakistan were found dead on Sunday morning at their home in Lodta village of Jodhpur district in Rajasthan. Even though the cause of death is yet to be ascertained, it appears that they have committed suicide by consuming some chemical in the night, police said.

Police said there was a smell of some chemical in the hut, suggesting they consumed

something. Among the deceased, 6 were adults while the other 5 were minors.

The family of Kewal Ram (37), belonging to the Bhil community had come to India from Pakistan's Sindh province in 2015 on a long-term visa. They had been living at the Lodta village farm, which they had hired for farming, for the past six months.

Kewal Ram survived the tragedy as he was not home. "I went to guard our crop from animals and slept there," he said. In the morning, when he

came back, he found all his family members dead. "I then called my nephew who rushed to the spot with some other persons and informed police," said Kewal.

Those, who died have been identified as Budharam (75); his wife Antara Devi; son Ravi (31); daughters Jiya (25) and Suman (22); grandsons Mukdash (17) and Nain (12); Laxmi (40) and three minor sons of Kewal Ram.

The bodies have been sent for autopsy and a medical board has been constituted.



5 people
including an elderly couple and an 8-month-old baby, were found dead as a storm hits the island of Evia in central Greece, authorities said on Sunday



Beijing	24	21	LC	Los Angeles	25	15	SNY
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	14	4	LC
Doha	43	31	SNY	Moscow	25	15	LR
Dubai	41	32	SNY	New York	31	21	SNY
Houston	35	24	SNY	Singapore	34	27	LR
Istanbul	30	21	LC	Toronto	31	20	TDS
London	34	19	SNY	Washington DC	33	23	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain
TDS: Thunderstorm • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Rajapaksa returns to PM's chair for the fourth time

Family-led SLPP grabs 145 seats, a two-thirds majority in the 225-member Parliament

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS

■ In 1970, entered Parliament at age 24, becoming the youngest lawmaker

■ After losing his seat in 1997, he focused on his law career until reentering Parliament in 1989

WORKED UNDER CHANDRIKA KUMARATUNGA

■ Served as labour minister and minister of fisheries and aquatic resources under President Chandrika Kumaratunga in 1990s

2004

Kumaratunga appointed him as PM

2005 Sworn in as president for first time from the Sri Lanka Freedom Party

MAN BEHIND LTTE'S ELIMINATION

Shortly after his victory in the 2005 elections, Rajapaksa announced his intention to crush the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). After ending the three decade long civil war with the LTTE, Rajapaksa used the victory to return to power in 2010

FALL FROM POWER

2015 He was defeated by former ally Maithripala Sirisena in the elections of 2015 as his domestic popularity waned amidst rising prices

RISE FROM THE ASHES

2018 Three years later, Rajapaksa was briefly appointed as the PM, by President Sirisena, but resigned after the Supreme Court declared that the dissolution of Parliament by the latter "illegal"

CHANGE OF FORTUNES

■ Rajapaksa and his supporters in Parliament defected from the ruling party and joined the SLPP, founded by his brother Basil in 2018

■ He formally became the Leader of the Opposition

2019 Gotabaya won the presidential election and appointed Rajapaksa as the prime minister of the caretaker cabinet until the general election

COLOMBO

MAHINDA Rajapaksa was sworn in on Sunday as Sri Lanka's new prime minister at a centuries-old Buddhist temple after his party won a landslide victory in parliamentary elections that allowed the influential family to consolidate power for the next five years.

The 74-year-old former president and Sri Lanka People's Party (SLPP) leader was administered the oath of office by his younger brother and President Gotabaya Rajapaksa at a gathering of Buddhist monks, representatives of the diplomatic community and other senior officials.

"I am humbled by the opportunity given to me to serve my people again," he tweeted soon after starting his fourth innings as prime minister.

Mahinda Rajapaksa said the trust bestowed on him by the people will inspire him to continue to serve the country. The prime minister vowed that he would ensure that Sri Lanka



Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa (right) swears in his elder brother Mahinda Rajapaksa (left) as Sri Lanka's new Prime Minister on Sunday | AFP

would embark on a progressive journey during his tenure.

The SLPP, led by Mahinda and Gotabaya Rajapaksa, registered a landslide victory in the August 5 general election, securing two-thirds majority in Parliament needed to amend the Constitution to further consolidate the powerful Rajapaksa family's grip on power.

The SLPP won in 145 constituencies, bagging a total of 150 seats with its allies, a two-thirds majority in the 225-member Parliament.

The cabinet ministers, state and deputy ministers are expected to be sworn in this week. The Rajapaksa family — including SLPP founder and its National Organizer 69-year-old

WHAT IS THE 19TH AMENDMENT?

■ The Rajapaksas want to repeal the 19th Amendment to the Constitution which had curbed the presidential powers

■ The amendment led to the dilution of many powers of Executive Presidency, which was in force since 1978

April 18, 2015

The 19th Amendment (19A) to the Constitution of Sri Lanka was passed with 215 voting in favour, one against, one abstained and seven were absent

Basil Rajapaksa, who is the younger brother of Gotabaya Rajapaksa, 71, and Mahinda Rajapaksa — has dominated Sri Lankan politics for two decades.

Mahinda's son Namal Rajapaksa, 34, is also a lawmaker from Hambantota, the family bastion.

President Gotabaya Rajapaksa had won the November presidential election on the SLPP ticket. He dissolved Parliament in March and called for early snap elections. PTI



Afghan President Ashraf Ghani in Kabul on Friday | AP

Afghan elder council okays release of 400 militants

KABUL

THE Afghan government and the Taliban are "on the verge of peace talks" after thousands of prominent Afghans approved the release of about 400 contentious militant prisoners, the head of Kabul's peace council said on Sunday.

The prisoners' fate has been a crucial hurdle in launching peace talks between the two warring sides, which had committed to completing a prisoner exchange before negotiations can start.

The resolution was passed at the end of a three-day "loya jirga" — a traditional Afghan meeting of tribal elders and other stakeholders sometimes held to decide on controversial issues.

"In order to remove the hurdles for the start of peace talks, stopping bloodshed, and for the good of the public, the jirga approves the release of 400 prisoners as demanded by the Taliban," jirga member Atefa Tayeb announced.

According to an official list seen by AFP many of the inmates are accused of serious offences, including many involved in attacks that killed scores of Afghans and foreigners, with more than 150 of them on death row. The jirga urged the government to give assurances to the population that the released prisoners would be monitored and would not be allowed to return to the battlefield, adding that foreign fighters should be sent back to their respective countries. AFP

Trump uses executive power to sign Covid stimulus

BEDMINSTER

PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Saturday signed an executive actions extending financial relief to Americans hit by the coronavirus pandemic as polls showed a large majority of voters unhappy with his handling of the crisis.

The four measures marked a presidential show of strength after Trump's Republican party and White House team failed to agree with opposition Democrats in Congress on a new stimulus package aimed at stopping vulnerable Americans from falling through the cracks.

"We've had it and we're going to save American jobs and provide relief to the American workers," Trump said at a press conference at his golf club in Bedminster, New Jersey, where he was spending the weekend. With double digit unemployment, disruption to businesses from social distancing rules, and persistent coronavirus spread, many Americans had been relying on relief measures



President Donald Trump signs an executive order in Bedminster on Saturday | AP

approved earlier by Congress, but which mostly expired in July.

Trump said his decision to circumvent Congress with executive actions would mean relief money getting "rapidly distributed."

One key Trump order promises to get \$400 a week added to Americans' unemployment benefits, while two others offer some protection from evictions and relief for student loans. The \$400 assistance is below

the \$600 offered in the expired stimulus package. It may also end up amounting only to \$300 extra a week, because Trump said \$100 would be provided from state, not federal, budgets — and only if states were willing or able to do so.

A fourth measure — opposed by many Republicans as well as Democrats — ordered a freeze in payroll taxes. This makes a big headline for Trump but is only a deferral, rather than a cut in the tax. AFP

Don's relief package may face legal obstacles

BEDMINSTER

PRESIDENT Donald Trump has bypassed the nation's lawmakers as he claimed the authority to defer payroll taxes and replace an expired unemployment benefit after negotiations with Congress on a new coronavirus rescue package collapsed.

Trump's orders on Saturday encroached on Congress' control of federal spending and seemed likely to be met with legal challenges. The president cast his actions as necessary given that lawmakers have been unable to reach an agreement to plunge more money into the stumbling economy, which has imperiled his November

reelection. Trump's embrace of executive actions to sidestep Congress ran in sharp contrast to his criticism of former President Barack Obama's use of executive orders on a more limited basis.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer dismissed Trump's actions as "meager" in the face of economic and health crises facing Americans.

Trump's Democratic opponent in the presidential race, Joe Biden, called the orders "a series of half-baked measures" and accused him of putting at risk Social Security, which is funded by the payroll tax. AP



French President Emmanuel Macron speaks at a donor tele-conference with other world leaders, from Fort de Breogancon, France | AFP

Aid pours in for Lebanon; EU adds €30 mn more

BRUSSELS/BEIRUT

THE European Commission on Sunday added another 30 million euros to the 33 million already announced to help Lebanon after last week's deadly explosion in Beirut.

The latest funding was to "help address the immediate needs of those affected by the deadly explosion in Beirut on 4 August", said a Commission statement.

The new funding will be channelled to UN agencies, NGOs and international and will be strictly monitored, the statement added.

The Commission's announcement on Sunday came as French President Emmanuel Macron hosted an emergency aid conference for Lebanon following last Tuesday's devastating blast in Beirut.

The UN says \$117 million euros will be needed over the next three months for the emergency response.

"The objective today is to act quickly and effectively to coordinate our aid on the ground so that it goes as efficiently as possible to the Lebanese people," Macron told the conference also attended by Lebanon's President Michel Aoun, UN aid coordinator Mark Lowcock, representatives of the World Bank, the Red Cross, the IMF, the EU, the Arab League and several Middle Eastern leaders.

Meanwhile, information minister Manal Abdel Samad on Sunday quit in the first government resignation since the deadly blast that killed more than 150 people. AFP

Belarus Prez finds stiff competition

MINSK

THE main opposition candidate challenging Belarusian strongman Alexander Lukashenko demanded a fair election as she cast her ballot in the presidential poll on Sunday.

"I really want the election to be honest, because if the authorities have nothing to fear, if all the people are for Alexander Grigoryevich (Lukashenko), then we will agree with that," Svetlana Tikhonovskaya said as she cast her ballot in the capital Minsk. The 37-year-old English teacher has emerged as the biggest challenge in years to Lukashenko, who has ruled the ex-Soviet country of 9.5 million since 1994.

She stood for the election after authorities barred her husband, popular blogger Sergei Tikhonovskiy, from running and then jailed him.

Casting his vote, Lukashenko vowed to maintain order, suggesting his opponents may plan unrest. AFP

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I, Mrs. Pavithra. C. W/o. Mr. Nagaraju. M. presently R/at Gokula Layout, 3rd B Cross, Devasandra, K.R.Puram, Bangalore-560036 I have changed my name from 'PREMA.C.' to 'PAVITHRA.C.' Vide affidavit dated 02.03.2020. Sworn before Advocate & Notary C.Muniswamy, Bengaluru.

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You cannot put your money into something for a fast buck. That is a myth. No matter what you hear. Your money needs time to grow

RAJAS KELKAR

STOCK market cycles are a joy ride if you play them right. However, a lot of new investors enter the market at the top of the cycle. Share prices take a tumble from there, and many are left high and dry. They vow not to return and stay invested in fixed deposits. Almost 80 per cent of stock market trading accounts managed by stockbrokers in India are dormant, meaning they barely witness any trade during a year.

A lot of you sold mutual funds lately and began buying shares directly from the market. Stock market data indicates that domestic mutual funds and insurance companies have been net sellers in the market in July 2020. At the same time, the retail or non-institutional participation is at a new high. It means the buying and selling activity in the stock market from individuals has increased.

If you put it together with the surge in small-cap shares that have outperformed benchmarks like S&P BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty, it presents a worrying trend.

It appears that individuals are participating with an idea to make the most of the opportunity in the stock market. They are probably reading and discussing stocks with friends or friendly advisors. There is nothing wrong with that if it is a regular strategy to consult friends or advisors.

However, the timing of their increased participation is worrying.

Low price doesn't mean cheap

There is a lot of activity in shares that are trading below ₹10. That does not mean they are cheap. They are selling at a low price because they are reporting poor financial performance. Many such shares are listed in the Z category by the Bombay Stock Exchange. There are reasons why a company's shares are put in the Z category. These companies have failed to adhere to the stock exchange's listing requirements or have not resolved investor complaints, among other things.

In common man's language, they are called 'buyer beware' shares. Despite that, the trading activity in these shares is rising. There is a tendency to make quick money. It is a dangerous game, and you could lose money as quickly as you make it.

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A lot of risks in the market

Uncertainty lingers over businesses across the board due to the pandemic and the aftermath. Many are unable to make any projections on the trajectory of future profit growth.

The Reserve Bank of India committee that sets borrowing rates for us did not project the economic growth or inflation. That has happened for the second straight meeting. That means there is uncertainty over interest rates and also on the profitability of businesses. The fixed income, as well as equity markets, are affected as a result. World over, there are concerns over the prospect of the US dollar since America keeps borrowing more and more. An indicator of that concern is the dramatic surge in gold prices. There is no high demand for jewellery or industrial application in India or China. Prices are rising because investors see uncertainty ahead.

No such thing as 'quick money'

You cannot put your hard-earned money into something for a fast buck. That is a myth. No matter what you hear. Your money needs time to grow. It would help if you had patience and temperament to let it be. You can't decide the timing of the harvest of the fruits. Your job is to nurture the tree with the right nutrients and patience. It is essential to set aside a portion of your income into regular savings and investing. A steady investment through systematic investment plans into the stock market over 10-15 years is the right approach. For the new demat account holders, you must use this opportunity to start a SIP in an index exchange-traded fund. If you insist on buying shares, try systematic investing in quality shares. Companies that have superior fundamentals and an ability to survive and sustain during the present round of uncertainty.

(The author is editor-in-chief at www.moneyminute.in)

Silver demand poised to outpace gold

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY
@ New Delhi

GOLD is right now everyone's favourite commodity with prices having crossed \$2020 an ounce mark, but silver, its 'poorer' cousin in the precious metals' space may well turn into a more long-lasting investor favourite.

Silver has already shot up from \$553.31 a kg on March 6 this year to \$906.97 by August 7, a near 40 per cent jump. In India, too, where silver now costs ₹74,210 a kg, the trend has been similar to global movements. While both the precious metals act as investment hedges in difficult situations such as the current global recession, silver also has a greater industrial value.

Consequently as economies recover from their Covid-19-induced depression, demand for silver ingots is likely to jump, raising prices further.

"Silver always had industrial uses far more than many precious metals, but with emphasis on green technologies in automation and elsewhere as economies reopen we expect greater demand for silver," said Vikram Sawhney, a leading commodities trader.

Citibank in a note said that it believes silver will be a front runner in the commodities market, banking much on new plans unveiled by Democratic contender for the US Presidency - Joe Biden - for running trains, busses and others such as e-vehicles.

"Regardless of US action the

world is moving forward to a greener future and silver will play a part as it is essential in building the electronics needed in this new infrastructure ... also rolling out 5G networks will require silver. The metal will be a bright spot for some time to come," agreed Amit Bannerjee, an independent merchant banker specialising in commodity hedge funds.

Banerjee points out that in the aftermath of the Wall Street crisis, too, the world had bet on the two precious metals gold and silver. "They are safe havens, but silver has added advantages," he adds.

For investors deciding on betting on precious metals, silver can also act "as a hedge against over deployment in gold," point out analysts.



Now is a good time, but how to invest in silver?

Investors can buy silver in physical form either as ingots or coins or may buy it in e-form through exchanges like the National Spot Exchange Ltd. Silver prices have shot up from \$553.31 a kg on March 6, this year to \$906.97 by August 7, a near 40 per cent jump. In India, silver costs ₹74,210 a kg, a trend similar to global movements.

POLICY TALK

Waking up to Health Insurance

ASHOK KUMAR

THAT a vast majority of Indians who can afford it are grossly under-insured, be it in terms of Life Insurance or Health Insurance, is one of the worst kept secrets in the insurance industry.

In my experience of interacting with Indians (non-residents included) who have the means to, but yet remain uninsured or at best, under-insured the reasons have at times bordered on the absurd. In the past, I have known a successful businessman, who, though convinced about the need to take a Life Insurance as well as Health Cover insisted on providing an alternate address.

When I enquired about the reason for this rather strange request, he enlightened me about a belief in his family that those who purchased Life Insurance were inviting death, and those purchasing Health Insurance were inviting a host of serious illnesses. The irony of his being a qualified engineer from an institution of some repute was not lost on me.

Prior to the start of this financial year, barely 10 per cent of those with the means, were interested in buying health insurance to cover new age diseases. But since the advent of the fear instilled by the pandemic, 71 per cent now consider health insurance a necessity. Notably, and almost overnight, 57 per cent of those surveyed now claim to understand the importance of comprehensive health insurance plans. These are the results of a recent survey undertaken by a private player in the health insurance space.

The stretching of an already shaky public health-

care system in many parts of the country, horror stories of prohibitive medical costs in private hospitals, uncertainty around the optimal line of treatment and the possibility of a forced quarantine over a long period that disrupts regular income seems to have forced people to re-prioritise and purchase health insurance plans.

All of a sudden, assuming the survey has captured it accurately, as much as 73 per cent of the people surveyed were genuinely concerned about escalating medical costs, which catapults it higher on the priority list than goals like children's education and marriage besides post-retirement life.

The survey also suggests that with the advent of the pandemic, the top three concerns in the minds of people are of family members contracting the disease, risk of job loss and mental anxiety.

Ironically, in spite of a bill being passed in Parliament equating the treatment and eligibility of mental and physical ailments, most insurance companies in India have still managed to duck payout liability in case of treatment relating to mental and psychological issues with some clever legal wording. It is high time the IRDAI, which is otherwise perceived as a better regulator, cracked the whip on this deplorable and unfair malpractice.

Clearly, it is the fear factor that is driving sales for the health insurance industry at this point in time. Now, assuming an immunity vaccine is round the corner, will the trend of growing demand for health insurance wane?

Not in a hurry, methinks.



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REITs: A risky bet until market uncertainty fades

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IF you were to look at the recent news on India's only two Real Estate Investment Trusts (REIT), you could be forgiven for thinking that this is a pandemic that is forcing people to huddle together, rather than stay as far apart as possible.

The past week not only saw Embassy Office Parks REIT record significantly better-than-expected results for the first quarter (Q1 FY20) despite the lockdown, it also witnessed Mindspace Business Parks REIT list on the stock markets at a 10 per cent premium on its issue price.

A REIT, by the way, is simply a company that owns, operates or invests in rent-generating real estate.

The rush to subscribe to Mindspace scrip can be explained by Embassy's performance so far, especially in Q1. Despite a large scale shutdown of commercial and office activity during the period, it managed to record one per cent year-on-year growth in net income at ₹457 crore. Revenues declined just 0.9 per

cent, and company officials say that rentals have remained largely steady.

India's first REIT, Embassy had seen its stock prices rise 42 per cent since its listing in April last year until March 6, 2020, before the pandemic sent the indices reeling over the next month. It is currently trading at around 18 per cent lower than its March 6 peak of ₹467. But as an investor, do REIT scrips make sense at a time when work-from-home policies are ascendant and office space, at least, is expected to have a rough few quarters? Financial experts note that it is still unclear how, and for how long, the pandemic is going to disrupt activity.

"Office reality may tank, but it will depend largely on the tenant. Large, IT-sector clients have been less impacted and still require space. Portfolios with high-quality tenants can actually do well. On the other hand, many may be badly affected as clients shut down or downsize," noted a realty sector insider. It may be wise to exercise caution and avoid high exposure here.



EXPRESS READ

81% micro enterprises confident of recovery post Covid-19: Survey

New Delhi: Despite several businesses remaining closed during the lockdown, 81 per cent of micro enterprises polled are confident of a recovery post Covid-19 whereas 57 per cent reported not having any cash reserves to survive, according to a survey. Initial results of a 6-month survey that is underway by Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship in association with LEAD at Krea University covering 1,500 micro enterprises also reveal that 40 per cent tried to borrow money to cover expenses. However, most of this borrowing was from informal sources.

DGTR recommends provisional duty on certain steel product imports

New Delhi: The Commerce Ministry has suggested imposition of provisional countervailing duty (CVD) on certain steel products from Indonesia to guard domestic manufacturers from subsidised imports. The ministry's investigation arm Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR) in its findings has recommended the duty after concluding in its probe that 'Flat Products of Stainless Steel' have been exported to India from Indonesia at subsidised prices. The domestic industry has suffered material injury due to subsidisation, DGTR has said in a note.

REALTY PLAY

Chennai builder offers insurance along with new home

BINITA JAISWAL @ Chennai

TO attract customers amid the coronavirus pandemic, real estate developers are using innovative offers and schemes. Chennai-based Akshaya Pvt Ltd has decided to offer insurance cover up to ₹20 lakh with every new house booking to its customers to boost sales.

The insurance scheme, which also covers Covid-19, will be valid for a period of 3 years for which Akshaya will pay the premium amount for all the 3 years upfront. It will cover a family of four, including 2 adults (homebuyer + spouse) and up to 2 children. The total cover will be divided in three

slabs of ₹10 lakh, ₹15 lakh and ₹20 lakh as per the project choice of the buyer. It will be applicable to all customers who purchase homes from Akshaya's ongoing projects in August 2020, the company said.

The move is a first-of-its-kind initiative by a real estate developer, claimed Akshaya authorities. The company said they have witnessed rising awareness and concern about safety post-Covid-19 which prompted them to launch such an unique initiative.

"Homebuyers now want a safe and secure home to protect their family for years together, while also looking for some kind of immediate financial



protection for their family from Covid-19. There is also a recent shift in consumer behaviour with regards to buying homes. Covid-19 prompted buyers to

explore and purchase homes in gated communities that provide 24x7 security, house-keeping and maintenance, and also a home that meets their

work from home needs," said a company official.

"At Akshaya Pvt Ltd, safety and health of our customers have always been of utmost significance. We are known in the industry for providing state-of-the-art amenities and facilities like 24x7 security and maintenance since the late 1990s. Through our insurance scheme, we want to ensure that our customers and their families are fully-insured and covered during these difficult times. We wish to provide a safe and healthy living environment for the homebuyers with complete peace of mind," said T Chitty Babu, chairman and CEO, Akshaya Pvt Ltd.

ReAssure health policy promises 100% cover

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN order to provide complete financial protection for customers, Max Bupa has introduced a new plan — ReAssure Health Insurance Plan — which provides unlimited sum and cover for hospitalisation, including Covid-19.

"Customers can claim for any illness or any family member covered during a policy year, as many number of times as they want. A single claim under ReAssure benefit will be payable up to the base sum insured amount and the benefit gets triggered with the first claim itself," the company said in a statement.

Apart from other items, the policy claims to cover PPE kits, gloves, and other non-payable items, including the regular cover. The company is also offering a five per cent discount for doctors, 10 per cent discount if two or more members are covered under an individual policy, 7.5 per cent

discount on the premium of the second policy year for a 2-year policy. Besides, it will offer an additional 15 per cent discount on the third year's premium for a policy term of three years under Booster Benefit, where the sum insured gets doubled in just two claim free years.

ReAssure benefit will be triggered from the first claim, even if two family members get hospitalised at the same time. The company claims that the product was designed keeping in mind cases of critical illnesses like kidney dialysis or cancer, when patients often need hospitalisation multiple times during the same year. The unlimited coverage in the product will prove to be extremely useful.

Apart from all day care treatments including angiography, dialysis and radiotherapy, ReAssure also extends benefits such as organ donation, alternative treatment like AYUSH, homecare treatment for chemotherapy, etc.



This product will help customers realise the true benefits of health insurance during the Covid-19 and beyond

Krishnan Ramachandran
MD & CEO, Max Bupa



BCCI chief Sourav Ganguly says the Indian Premier League's decision to suspend a lucrative contract with its main sponsor, the Chinese phone maker Vivo, following a deadly border clash between the two nations is "just a blip". "I wouldn't call it a financial crisis. It is just a little bit of a blip," said Ganguly.

IPL platform to check Test reserves

Selectors face unusual task of choosing squad for longest format after Twenty20 slugfest in the UAE

ATREYO MUKHOPADHYAY
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APPOINTED selection committee chairman in March, Sunil Joshi has had little to do until now. If that's a situation no one wants to be in, the former spinner's first assignment is going to be unusual as well. The Indian squad for the Australia Test series will be picked during the IPL, with no player having any kind of long-format experience for nearly nine months.

When Test squads are picked, Indian players are usually in touch with the red ball. The initial part of Ranji Trophy in October-November serves as a platform to assess form for matches in December-January. Closing stages of it around February serve that purpose for series lined up for the remain-

der of the season.

With IPL slated from September 19 to November 10 and the domestic season unlikely to begin until December, Indian selectors have to pick the squad for Australia on the basis of what they see in the T20 roadshow. Form, fitness, rhythm and other aspects will have to be judged during IPL, given that the last Test India played was in February in New Zealand. Not ideal, but this is it, given the situation caused by the pandemic.

Thankfully for Joshi & Co, most members of the Test squad pick themselves. The first XI is more or less settled. According to former chief selector Kiran More, the focus should be on selecting back-ups. He doesn't think IPL will be an accurate indicator to finalise things for a Test series, but feels that the rhythm of a



Kiran More

fast bowler, batsmen who are in touch to take the reserve slots can be assessed during the tournament in the UAE.

"We more or less know who the batsmen and bowlers in the XI will be, even though there has been no red-ball cricket for the Test players after New Zealand. What we have to look at are the reserves. Things like additional batsmen, fast bowlers, spinners have to be finalised. IPL is not a great stage to

assess these. But at least we will have an idea," the former keeper told this daily.

More suggests that India pick around 25 players for Australia. He also thinks warm-up games will be necessary to get the players back in red-ball mode. "Realistically, IPL performance will not help in terms of Test selection. But there isn't much room for experiments. What you can do during IPL is see how the potential back-ups are doing. How is Navdeep Saini or KL Rahul doing, for example. The same goes for the third spinner and second wicketkeeper."

Former selector Ashok Malhotra, too, says IPL will not indicate much as far as assessing how a player is shaping up for Test cricket. "But at least they will get a feel of ball hitting bat and bat hitting ball. They will

be in a match situation and work their way out in order to get the job done. That will help since the players have been out of touch for a long time."

Trio's term getting over

The other point about team selection for the Australia series is who the selectors will be. Joshi and Harvinder Singh apart, four-years terms of Devang Gandhi, Jatin Paranjpe and Sarandeep Singh are getting over in September. There is a process of appointing selectors which involves interviewing short-listed candidates. It has to be seen how that is done under the circumstances.

Also, there is no news yet of the selectors travelling to the UAE to watch IPL. Normally, selectors watch domestic matches and don't travel for IPL games.

RCB players to take chartered flight to UAE from B'luru: Chairman

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

INDIAN players representing Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL will reach Bengaluru in a few days before they travel to the UAE. The team will be flying out on August 21 or 22 or around that time, according to RCB chairman Sanjeev Churiwala.

"Indian players would start assembling in a few days and after reaching Bengaluru, they will follow the protocol as decided by the BCCI's standard operating procedures (SOP). They will be staying in a select hotel before leaving the country. Tests will be done as per the SOP. All Indian players and the support staff will be flying out in a chartered plane," Churiwala told this newspaper.

The IPL, scheduled from September 19 to November 10, is going to be different from other seasons due to the pandemic. Teams will follow strict protocols and regular tests will be conducted.

Also, players and their families will be restricted within the bio-bubble. Once in it, they cannot move out. "Very selective players (of RCB) will be taking their families along with them. Families will also be subjected to the guidelines of the bio-bubble," added Churiwala.

With Vivo having pulled out of the tournament as title sponsor for this edition, the BCCI is still looking for a new sponsor and this could hurt the franchises. With Vivo on board and pay-



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ing ₹440 crore per season, the eight franchises got around ₹25 crore each from title sponsorship money. With the economic climate not in great shape, revenues could see a dip since potential sponsors are not expected to match Vivo's amount. Also, if the IPL is played behind closed doors, there would be no gate money for the franchises.

"It could be (less revenues for teams compared to last time), but we will want to have discussions with the BCCI to understand what they are thinking and planning before we have a complete understanding of this," said Churiwala. "I think there is demand (for title sponsor) and I'm sure there would be other brands, who would want to be associated with the IPL."

THAT FAMILIAR FIGURE...

Lionel Messi scored a brilliant solo as Barcelona saw off Napoli in the Champions League pre-quarters. Bayern Munich cruised past Chelsea. Highlights...

SIMPLY UNSTOPPABLE

Messi netted Barca's second in the 3-1 victory that sent the Spanish side past Napoli in the Champions League pre-quarters. The Argentine made a barnstorming run in which he fell to the ground only to dart back up and bundle his way through three defenders and falling again before curling into the far corner. Clement Lenglet and Luis Suarez (penalty) were the other scorers.

RELIEF FOR SETIEN

Victory against Napoli is a much-needed boost under-pressure manager Quique Setien. But a disjointed second half will not inspire confidence. Napoli, whose own league season only finished last weekend, should have had the advantage of rhythm but a disastrous first half left them with too much to do, a penalty conversion by Lorenzo Insigne notwithstanding.

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Messi has scored against 35 clubs in CL, two more than next best Cristiano Ronaldo.

Last 8 line-ups (in Lisbon)

August 12
Atalanta (ITA) vs Paris SG (FRA)
August 13
RB Leipzig (GER) vs Atletico Madrid (ESP)
August 14
Barcelona (ESP) vs Bayern Munich (GER)
August 15
Man City (ENG) vs Lyon (FRA)

HEAVYWEIGHT CLASH

Barcelona will meet Bayern Munich on Friday in the quarterfinals to be played in Lisbon in a "bubble" format to prevent a coronavirus outbreak from derailing the competition's finale. Leading 3-0 from the first leg at Stamford Bridge in February, treble-chasing Bayern underlined their dominance to progress 7-1 on aggregate against Chelsea.

RUTHLESS LEWANDOWSKI

Robert Lewandowski has been outstanding for Bayern over the years. And this season has been no different. The striker scored twice and set up two more against Chelsea. Ivan Perisic and Corentin Tolisso were the other scorers for Bayern.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Bayern Munich 4-1 Chelsea
Bayern win 7-1 on aggregate
Barcelona 3-1 Napoli
Barcelona win 4-2 on aggregate

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Lewandowski is the leading CL scorer this season, in seven games. He has 53 in 44 across competitions.

Global updates

SA rookie Binder wins Czech MotoGP

BRNO (CZECH REPUBLIC): Brad Binder created a series of firsts as he won the Czech MotoGP, ahead of Italian Franco Morbidelli on Yamaha's satellite SRT bike and Frenchman Johan Zarco on a Ducati-Avintia. It was his first MotoGP win, it was also a first victory at the elite level by a South African and for the KTM team. "This was a day I dreamed about since I was a little boy and today it came true," Binder said.

Johnson and Koepka set for PGA showdown

SAN FRANCISCO: Dustin Johnson shot a 65 Saturday to put himself on course for another mouth-watering final round showdown at a PGA Championship with two-time defending champion Brooks Koepka. Johnson and Koepka are no strangers at the PGA Championship as Johnson nearly chased down Koepka in the final round last year at New York's Bethpage Black before losing by two shots.

Plans to conduct TT camp in Bengaluru

AYANTAN CHOWDHURY @New Delhi

IT has been a hit and miss with regards to SAI trying to resume national camps for various sports in the country so far. While talks regarding the national camp for paddlers is progressing well, there are still a few hurdles to cross. After the table tennis stars were told that there was no equipment inside the SAI centre in Bengaluru, talks of conducting the camp in the city had died down. But after some high-level discussions, the plan is on now with SAI set to procure eight tables. These tables will be placed inside the indoor basketball hall of the campus.

A prominent paddler's coach and a TTFI official had gone to recce the hall and see if it was suitable and they have given the green light. Proper lighting might be installed as well. SAI is planning to start the camp in September but finding the right mix of players and coaches might be the next hurdle.

Quite a few top players have foreign league commitments while others are apprehensive of travelling to Bengaluru especially after five hockey stars tested Covid-19 positive. A Sharath Kamal is game but the likes of G Sathyan and Harmeet Desai want to go abroad and start playing for their respective clubs next month. Also, the quarantine rules might not be to everyone's liking with fourteen days of non-practice especially after quite a few of them finally starting training in private clubs.

The plan is to have six men and as many women athletes for the camp and the Bengaluru campus might become the national training centre going forward. "We might have to look for alternatives which include asking other players inside the domestic top 10 among both men and women. As for the coaching part, a local coach might be the best bet currently," a source close to developments told on condition of anonymity.



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Ability of institutions to contain outbreak will be crucial as countries plan to resume classes

NEW CHALLENGE

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As Germany's 16 states start sending millions of children back to school in the middle of the global coronavirus pandemic, the country's famous sense of "Ordnung" has given way to uncertainty, with a hodgepodge of regional regulations that officials acknowledge may or may not work.

"There can't, and never will be 100 per cent certainty," said Torsten Kuehne, the official in charge of schools in Pankow, Berlin's

most populous district where 45,000 students go back to school Monday. "We are trying to minimise the risk as much as possible," added Kuehne.

Germany has won plaudits for managing to slow the spread of the coronavirus efficiently and early, but the opening of schools is proving a new challenge as the country struggles to balance the concerns of anxious parents and children, skeptical scientists, worried teachers and overtaxed administrators.

With US President Donald Trump pushing for American schools to reopen in person and on time even as the country nears

five million confirmed coronavirus cases, and other countries moving ahead with plans to resume classes despite rising infections, many eyes are on the real-life experiment offered in Germany to see what works and what doesn't.

The UN said this week that 100 countries have yet to announce a date for schools to reopen, and Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned of a possible "generational catastrophe" in education. He urged that restarting school be made a priority once countries have the virus under control.

Germany has seen some 217,000

confirmed cases and 9,200 deaths, and brought down a peak of some 6,000 new daily infections in March to the low hundreds. Numbers have been creeping back up, however, and topped the 1,000 per day mark in recent days for the first time in about three months.

Israel attempted a full reopening in May, at a time when the coronavirus was widely thought to have been beaten in the country, only to suffer new outbreaks that led to schools being shut down again and a surge in the spread of the virus nationwide. In South Africa, four grade levels were restarted in June but then closed back down when the country's virus cases surged.

Chinese autonomous taxis ready to herald new era

PILOT PROJECT

SHANGHAI: Chinese entrants in the race to put autonomous vehicles on the road are bringing "robotaxis" online in hopes that a hired-car format can be the key to unlocking wide acceptance of the futuristic technology.

It is expected to be years before cars that operate completely without human intervention are unleashed owing to lingering technological, regulatory, and safety hurdles. But as China challenges US tech dominance, Chinese players such as Baidu, Alibaba-backed AutoX and ride-sharing king DiDi Chuxing recently launched auton-

omous taxi pilot projects in cities around the country.

Similar efforts are under way in the US, and AutoX's chief executive Xiao Jianxiong told AFP the first fully-autonomous vehicles could be on the roads by the end of the year. Robotaxis are considered ideal for accumulating the driving time and huge data cache needed for cars to learn and become safe.

Chinese consumers are lining up for a spin in DiDi Chuxing's autonomous taxis at a pilot project launched in June. Underlining the work-in-progress nature of the new concept, a DiDi staffer occupies the driver's seat, ready to take the wheel if needed.

Scientists develop method to test mask effectiveness

EARLY STAGE

WASHINGTON: Using widely available tools, scientists have developed a method to visualise how effectively different types of masks prevent the spread of droplets that could contain virus particles, an advance which could aid small scale mask producers to optimise designs, and help community outreach organisations demonstrate mask fitting procedures.

The technique, described in the *Science Advances*, is still in the early stages, and has so far only been tested in a small group of people, the scientists said.

According to the US researchers, the preliminary, proof-of-principle findings suggest that N95 masks and handmade cotton masks may block much of the droplet-spray produced when wearers speak.

However, they said bandanas and neck fleeces likely provide little protection, as the scientists observed that droplets are expelled through these materials. "Our work was a demonstration of a simple method, not a systematic study," noted Martin Fischer, the study's corresponding author. "More work is required to investigate variations in mask and how people wear them."

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ART HISTORY

From a mere 537 paintings on display when it opened, the museum now contains over 3,80,000 objects and 35,000 pieces of art, representing all periods of European art up to 1848



HUGE FAVOURITE

With the galleries spread over nearly 15 acres of land, the Louvre is the biggest museum in the world. It receives 15,000 visitors a day



OTHER AVATAR

It was called Musée Napoléon when Napoleon Bonaparte reopened the museum after a period of closure and expanded its collection in 1801

COMIC CONNECTION

After the success of *Pushpavalli 2*, Sumukhi Suresh is back on OTT platform with her latest act, but this time with 13 other comedians

Monika Monalisa

Unlike many of us who are facing a mundane time during the lockdown, Sumukhi Suresh has had busy days, and not just because of the mounting household chores. First, it was the buzz after the release of her series, *Pushpavalli 2*, which came out just before the lockdown was announced in March. And now, the Bengaluru-based stand-up comedian's latest act, which she has written and acted in, has been launched as part of *Amazon Funnies* on Amazon Prime Video. Started on Aug. 7, it will feature 14 stand-up comedians tickling your funny bone during their 10-minute slot.

Talking about how glad she is to be back, Suresh says, "It's always an amazing feeling. Even if it's a 10-minute act, it's exciting to write new jokes," adds Suresh, who is playing three characters in

her act. Though she misses the thrill and energy of live shows, the confinement during the lockdown pushed her to change the way of creating her content. "Most comedians have moved from topical or anecdote observation, because how much can you do jokes on corona. We are now going towards more personal jokes on family but looking at a bigger spectrum," she says. Suresh feels that the lockdown has also been a good content provider, especially with comedians who started doing household chores. "You will see how many jokes come on *Jhadoo-poocha*," she laughs.

Ask her if she has managed to crack the comic formula or if she has always been a person with quirky jokes, and Suresh replies that she is a "funny" person in real life too but there is surely a process that she follows. "If I am not inherently funny, you would not laugh even if I crack the best joke. At the end of the day, the comedians that last in an audience's mind are

those who genuinely believe what they are doing or saying," she says, adding that the process involves going to open mics, writing your own scripts, and observing people, etc.

Her last series, *Pushpavalli 2*, was a massive success, but she doesn't feel the pressure in her new show. "I have not processed the success yet. It did better than Season 1, but since it was released online just before the lockdown, there was no live audience," says Suresh, who herself loves to binge watch *Fleabag*.

Now, one of the top things on her to-do list when the pandemic subsides is having a live act. But before anything else, she wants to meet her parents. "My father love his girls (the other one being my niece), and the first thing I want to do is visit them in Nagpur," she adds.



Sumukhi Suresh



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We can all learn from RK Narayan: Jeffrey Archer

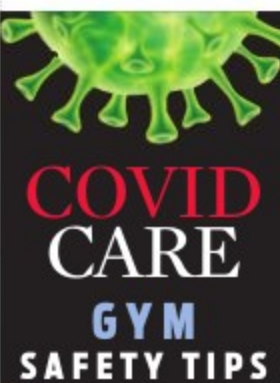


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BEFORE YOU GO

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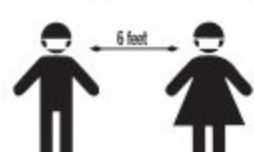


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WHILE AT THE GYM

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Make sure you clean the equipment before and after using it. You can use disinfecting wipes or sanitisers. Avoid using equipment that are difficult to clean after each use, such as resistance bands or weightlifting belts.



Stay at least 6 feet away from others. Avoid giving each other high-fives and try visiting during non-rush hours.

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POST WORKOUT

Shower thoroughly with soap immediately after a workout.

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Express features

What lies above caste, religion, gender, nationality and political attachments, is that we are humans, says Sumit Acharya, co-founder and artistic director of Art Cross Theatre Main. And so, Manushyata - Humanity, a series of poetic dramatic readings conceptualised by him, is an attempt to put humanity above all. "There is so much happening around us. In all the chaos, we do have what it takes to forgive others and ourselves, we do know the world is a beautiful place only if we bring our beauty inside it, we can learn from history that love can indeed melt the hatred. We will

Being human and humane

have differences but we can't be indifferent to humanity," says Acharya.

The event, taking place until Aug. 25 on various social media platforms, will feature several poets and theatre artistes, including Zafer Mohiuddin, Kavita Vyas Pania and Shatarupa Bhattacharya, reciting works of renowned Indian poets such as Harivansh Rai Bachchan, Ramdhari Singh Dinkar, Gulzar and Rabindranath Tagore. "These poems are talking about humanity and how we can make a difference, and that love is more powerful than anything



else," says Acharya about the programme which is being co-produced by Vishal Bhandari, artistic director, ACTM and supported by actor Nidhi Sharma.



These poems talk about humanity, how we can make a difference, and the power of love

'Lockdown is best excuse to be a recluse'

Express Features

Celebrated Indian artist Atul Dodiya is making the most of his quarantine, just like many of us. Dodiya, who is one of the most sought-after contemporary artists in the country today, believes that the lockdown is the best excuse to be a recluse. For the recent edition of the Indulge Time Pass webinar - which engages some of the best minds of the country to help us keep up with the new normal - the artist told host Kaveree Bamzai that for the first two-and-a-half months of the quarantine, he focused on spending time with his family and re-watching some cinematic masterpieces made by Andrei Tarkovsky, Michelangelo Antonioni and Francois Truffaut.

Incidentally, the artist's wife, Anju Dodiya, is an acclaimed abstract artist, and their daughter Biraaj just held her debut solo show in Kolkata earlier this year. Dodiya revealed that he enjoys the current lack of professional commitments to galleries and has just started going back to his studio to work in solace. He told Bamzai that



the pastoral quality in his work has always been about unraveling the sense of solitariness which we are all experiencing now.

"Most of my work has been about a solitary figure looking

at a cloud, sky or mountains. Nature is always changing. I have found a freedom in depicting that aspect of nature. Somehow it also talks about us being stuck, like we all are confined to our homes now, how we see the world through a window. I have been a great admirer of Indian miniature paintings and pre-Renaissance masters, so my work has always been somewhat pastoral, it doesn't look very contemporary," said Dodiya. He and Bamzai also talked about how art can never be divorced from society.

Asked if the global crisis will bring about a change in means of individual expression, he replied, "Everyone is equal in this context because everyone is quite scared, but this time is also about introspection. You cannot go out, you cannot do your daily duties, you have to stay in, I think each person is experiencing a unique thing internally. Then again, tomorrow, if there's a vaccine, things may get back to normal, so it's difficult to predict at this point, what may happen in the coming days."



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— Atul Dodiya, artist

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Media & Entertainment to emerge as a huge job creator in Post-Covid India



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Yes! You heard it right. The media & entertainment industry is likely to emerge as one of the biggest employment generators in post-covid India, with an equal opportunity for vernacular language segment, original content creation and streaming.

The covid-19 pandemic is changing the way we consume media and entertainment (M&E). With people confined to their homes, our social lives have moved online and entertainment consumption has risen notably within the at-home segments of television, online gaming and over-the-top (OTT).

On the other hand, movie theatres, theme parks, museums, and other external consumption models are suffering, as physical distancing norms and lockdowns are enforced.

Consumer behaviour is rapidly evolving as the world adjusts to a new normal, where social distancing, work from home and virtual meetings are the norm.

Demand for at-home digital media is expected to grow significantly, as habit-formation and ease of access emerge as drivers. OTT platforms and digital media

have already been attracting new consumers and expanding to new locations and demographics.

The virus outbreak will magnify the already apparent shift from laptop/digital devices viewing to large screen TVs—providing a significant fillip to broadband internet/ fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) companies.

The growing popularity of "At Home" Entertainment segments - Online Gaming, OTT, Television will definitely lead to a rise in Media & Entertainment job opportunities.

The demand for OTT originals, which was identified as a competitive differentiator in our report, should restore and players can be expected to gradually roll out original, targeted content for specific audiences once the lockdowns start to ease.

The creative economy and its industries are high growth sectors if nurtured properly and tremendously boost competitiveness, productivity, sustainable growth, employment, and the export potentials of India.

As media and entertainment companies prepare for the recovery phase, it's essential to focus on key areas that will be greatly

impacted by the transition from the reactive phase to the recovery phase. This can help them ensure a smooth transition and adapt to the new normal.

Career Opportunities will rise across the sub sectors namely animation vfx - there will be growing demand for Original film/Web Series Script Writing, Web Series & Film Editing, New Formats of Ad Filmmaking, latest Animation, VFX & Sound Design techniques that enable remote & contained Film-Shoots & streamlined processes with smaller crews and resources.

While several institutions in India do offer a variety of career programs, it is important to evaluate their choice of options based on various factors such as - opportunity to learn all aspects of animation & VFX filmmaking, the exposure to inside of a real studio environment with advanced learning facilities, the window to industry experts and academic advisors.

Opting for a Degree Program in animation & VFX as compared to a Diploma or Certificate Course will give one the right head-start in their career.

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Being open and vulnerable with your loneliness, sadness and fear can help you find comfort and feel less alone, says writer and artist Jonny Sun. In an honest talk, Sun shares how telling stories about feeling like an outsider helped him tap into an unexpected community and find a tiny sliver of light in the darkness.

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SHOOTING FOR UPENDRA'S KABZA TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

● A Sharadhaa

The Kannada film industry is trying to slowly get back to normalcy. With

Shivanna taking the lead by resuming shooting for *Bhajarangi 2* from Monday, other filmmakers are following suit too. *Kabza* director R Chandru is now gearing up to resume shooting for his upcoming mega project, and Real Star Upendra along with a few other artistes, including Kabir Duhan Singh and Kota Srinivas, will be joining the sets in the first week of September. With Sudeep's *Phantom* already on floors from July 16, the other films, which are set to be resumed by mid-August are *KGF Chapter 2* and *Pogaru*.

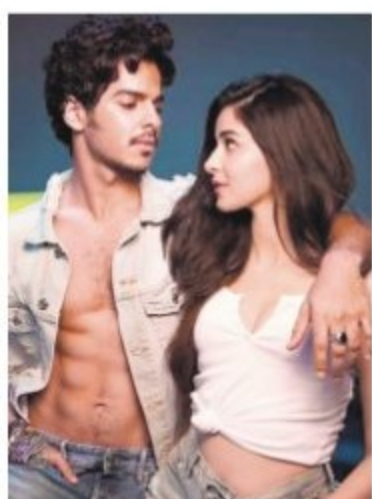
The team of *Kabza* had come up with a huge jail set-up at Minerva Mills, where the director had started shooting a major action block sequence. But it had to be discontinued owing to the pandemic. Chandru, who is currently preparing for the shoot, says, "We have at least 20 days of jail sequence to film, which needs to be completed in the schedule I am planning from September. We are making plans about how to go about the shooting and the precautionary measures that should be taken."

This is the second collaboration of R Chandru with Upendra after *I Love You*. The film, backed by MTB Nagaraj and made under the Sri Siddeshwara Entertainments banner, is a period drama featuring Upendra in the role of an underworld don. The director is taking it to a pan-India level by releasing it in seven languages, with the film being shot in Kannada, Tamil and Telugu, and being dubbed and released in Malayalam, Hindi, Marathi and Bengali. The film consists of a host of actors from other languages as well, and will have Naveen, Jaya Prakash, Kaat Raju and Subbaraju along with Avinash and M Kamaraj as part of the cast. The makers are yet to announce the heroine's name. Ravi Basrur is composing the film's music while Arjun Shetty is handling cinematography. Apart from *Kabza*, Upendra's line-up of projects includes *Buddhivanta 2*, which is the final stages of post-production, and *Home Minister Ravi Chandra*, lined up for release. The Real Star will also be seen in a pivotal role in an upcoming Telugu project starring Varun Tej, and the team plans to resume shooting in September.

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A still from Kabza



Khaali Peeli to resume shoot from this date?

● CE Features

Recently, Akshay Kumar and team flew off to London to begin the shoot of *Bell Bottom*. Following suit are the makers of *Khaali Peeli*, who plan to resume the film's shoot on August 20, reports state.

Produced by Ali Abbas Zafar and directed by Maqbool Khan, *Khaali Peeli* is a romantic action film starring Ishaan Khatter and Ananya Panday. The film had gone on floors earlier this year in Mumbai. However, after two weeks of shoot, the production was called off due to the coronavirus crisis.

Kunal Keemu on reactions to *Lootcase*: Overwhelmed by the love and feedback

● CE Features

Actors Kunal Keemu and Rasika Duggal have reacted to the positive response to their new comedy, *Lootcase*. Directed by Rajesh Krishnan, the film was released on Disney+ Hotstar on August 2. The comedy caper revolves around a suitcase full of cash that goes missing. The cast also features Gajraj Rao, Vijay Raaz, Ranvir Shorey and others.

"I've always believed that hard work pays off and for *Lootcase* it surely did," Kunal shares. "To receive this kind of love and feedback from my peers and seniors from the industry and love from fans - it's extremely overwhelming. A movie like *Lootcase* perfectly captures the essence of aam aadmi or common man in our country and what happens when their wildest dream of finding unclaimed cash comes true! This movie has the perfect blend of chaos, confusion



Kunal Keemu

and comedy and that's what I think has put a smile on everyone's faces"

Rasika Duggal, who plays Kunal's wife in the film, adds, "I am delighted that *Lootcase* has brought some cheer to people's lives in these gloomy times. Comedy is tough to do, but when a joke lands, there is nothing better than that. The audience seems to have noted and enjoyed not just the laugh out loud moments but also the smaller ones we managed to sneak in, not knowing if anyone would notice or not."

Shivarajkumar to release teaser of Aryann Santhosh's *Dear Sathya*

It will be released on August 15 on Purple Rock Entertainers' YouTube channel

● CE Features

Actor Aryann Santhosh is elated to have the teaser of his upcoming *Dear Sathya* launched by Century Star Shivarajkumar. It will be released on August 15 on Purple Rock Entertainers' YouTube channel. The film, which is said to be inspired by a true incident, is jointly directed by Shivaganesh of Jigarhana fame and cinematographer Vinod Bharathi. Purple Rock Entertainers, who had previously produced *Bhinna* are coming up with their second project in association with Winterbridge Studios.

Aryann Santhosh, who was seen in reality shows like *Bigg Boss*, *Pyate Hudugir Halli Lifu* and *Halli Haida Pyateg Banda*, made his debut with Nagathihalli Chandrashekar's *Nooru Janmaku*. He is playing the lead in this action revenge thriller.



Shivarajkumar

Backed by an ensemble supporting cast, the film also stars Archana Kottige as heroine along with Aruna Balaraj, Ashwin Rao Pallaki, Appanna, Arvind Rao, Gururaj Hokate, and Adarsha Chandrakar. Sridhar V Sambram has composed the film's music. Shooting for *Dear Sathya* has been completed, and the makers are now busy with the post-production work.



A still from Dear Sathya

● CE Features

The lockdown seems to have helped Manvitha Kamath explore yet another creative side of herself. The RJ-turned-actor, who is also into scriptwriting, is now entering the world of animation. She studied the subject in college, and it is now becoming a passion. The actor says her new venture, Studio Manekin, will smoothly fill the gap between animation and live-action filmmaking to help create high-quality content. "We want to be the firm that filmmakers can instantly call for pre-visualising their script, planning their title sequence, or creating other aspects for their films. Our expertise means that you get the clear insight of an actor-writer who's spent years on the sets understanding every aspect of filmmaking, and the visualisation skills of a seasoned animation artist, all in one place," says Manvitha, whose studio was launched on August 9 by Bollywood producer Madhu Mantena Varma.

The *Tagaru* actor says that after two years of leading a nomadic life involving constant learning and travel, she wanted to settle down to execute her ideas and learning. It started with a simple storyboard firm. "I even got in touch with my animation lecturer for some contacts. I got in touch with my long-lost cousin, Ankitha, who currently lives in the Netherlands. Her works were astonishing and perfect for the firm that I was curating. As we connected over phone, we learned that our goals are the same, and we are happy to collaborate. The monkey riding a bicycle was the first sketch she had illustrated in 2016, and it served as the theme for our new entity," says Manvitha, adding, "My passion grew further after watching director Suri's artwork. The film director, who is also a painter, has always been my inspiration."

The name Manekin, she explains, comes from a combination of their names. "It's derived from 'Man' from Manvitha and 'Kin' from Kini. Manekin is also 'mannequin' spelt differently. We thought it was quite apt for a firm that provides pre-visualisation services," she adds.

Manvitha Kamath forays into another aspect of filmmaking



Manvitha Kamath



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A still from Yellow Board

Pradeep to make a comeback with *Yellow Board*

● CE Features

The film, directed by Thirlok, is now in the post-production stages

Pradeep, who was last seen in *Tiger*, is making a comeback with *Yellow Board*. The film, directed by Thirlok, went on floors last year, and Kichcha Sudeep had released its first teaser. The makers had recently launched a poster announcing the film's status. *Yellow Board* is currently in the post-production stages, and 10 days of shoot, including a song, is remaining. This murder mystery revolves around a cab driver who gets embroiled in a murder case and his way out of it. The story was conceived by the director from the various conversations he had with cab drivers. "They are very insightful and most of them are filled with abundant knowledge. This story too came from one of the conversations I had with a cab driver, which I felt was interesting enough to bring to the silver screen," says Thirlok, who has previously worked as an associate director in *1st Rank Raju*.

The film has music by Advik and cinematography by Praveen S.

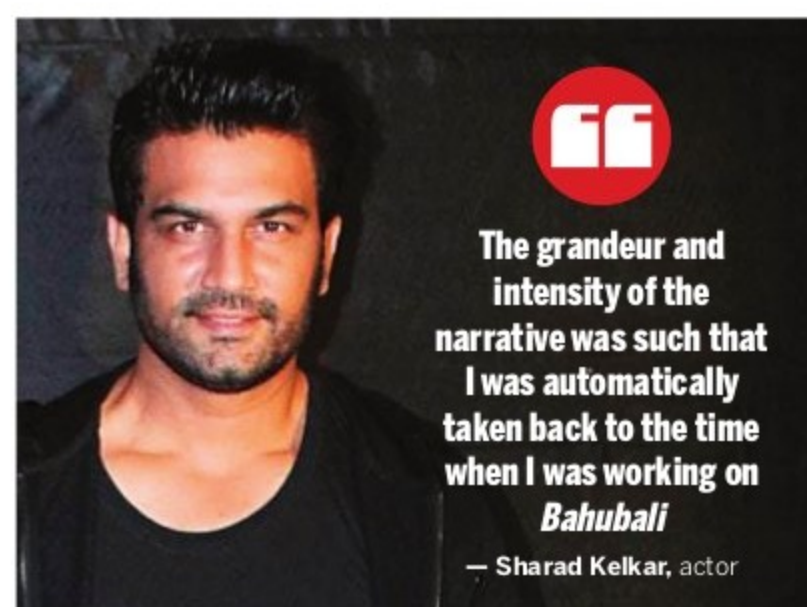
Sharad Kelkar lends his voice to animated version of *Aarya*

● Shilajit Mitra

Actor Sharad Kelkar has lent his voice to the reimagined animated version of *Aarya*. Released on June 19, the Disney+ Hotstar series stars Sushmita Sen as a mother who steps into the drug trade to protect her family. Directed by Ram Madhvani, the crime drama has been reimagined in an animated video detailing Aarya's journey as a warrior caught in a dilemma. Interestingly, Sharad had voiced the role of actor Prabhakar in the Hindi version of the *Bahubali* film series. He has also done

dubbing work for several Hollywood releases in India.

Talking about his experience of working on *Aarya*, Sharad says, "The grandeur and intensity of the narrative was such that I was automatically taken back to the time when I was working on *Bahubali*. *Aarya*, helmed by Ram Madhvani, has been among the most celebrated web shows of late, and there's no way I would have turned down this opportunity. I enjoyed working on it and could feel every bit of the protagonist's journey and the intensity of the narrative. I'm glad that my voice is liked and I'd love to do several such projects in the future as well."



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